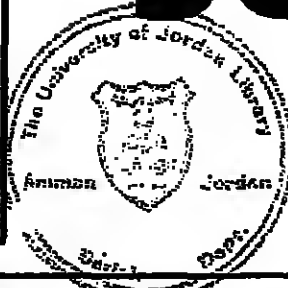


Israelis wound 3 Arabs

TEL AVIV (AP) — Three Palestinians were wounded on Wednesday when Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank shot at them after they allegedly refused to stop at an army roadblock, the military command said. The command said the three men ignored orders to stop their car at the checkpoint in the northern part of the West Bank, next to an Israeli army base. Two of the Palestinians were wounded by shattered glass from the car window and the third was hit by a bullet in his back, said the command. All three were taken to a nearby hospital. Two Israelis were also slightly injured in the West Bank when stones were thrown at their vehicles. One of the Israelis was struck by flying glass when a stone was hurled at the bus he was riding in Nabulus. The other was hit by a stone as he was driving his car near the Dheisheh refugee camp on the outskirts of Bethlehem. In the occupied Gaza Strip, army bulldozers uprooted trees bordering the main road between Gaza City and Khan Younis, where stones have recently been thrown at passing Israeli vehicles, Israel Radio reported.



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Bank of Jordan names new chief

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Bank of Jordan's board of directors on Wednesday decided to appoint Mr. Tawfiq Shaker Fakhouri as board chairman to succeed Hosni Sido Al Kurdi who died last month. Mr. Fakhouri is a prominent private sector businessman. A bank spokesman said the board also appointed Mr. Maouf Abdul Qader, a former government official working for the Ministry of Finance, as vice-chairman and also appointed Mamdouh Abu Hassan and Dr. Ashraf Al Kurdi as board members. The board appointed Dr. Michael Marto as the bank's director-general. The late Mr. Kurdi had served as board chairman and manager general of the bank while Dr. Marto had held the post of deputy manager. The Bank of Jordan, rated as the ninth largest bank in the Kingdom, is the first Jordanian bank to separate the offices of chairman of the board of directors and director-general. Economists expected no change in the present policies of the bank with the latest changes and appointments.

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New truce broken in 'camps war'

BEIRUT (R) — Shi'ite Muslim Amal militiamen and Palestinian fighters Wednesday broke a new truce agreed in Damascus to end Lebanon's bitter "camps war." The truce around five Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut and South Lebanon was due to take effect at 2200 GMT on Tuesday but failed to do so, Palestinian and Amal sources said. One person was killed and nine wounded in the mainly Shi'ite suburbs around the Beirut camps on Wednesday, Amal sources said. Amal sources said the truce was made with the Palestine National Salvation Front (PNSF), a pro-Syrian coalition that does not include the forces of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

UNRWA staff move to E.Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Foreigners working for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) have been evacuated from west Beirut to the city's eastern sector, an UNRWA statement said Wednesday. "Due to the general situation in the Beirut area, a small temporary office has been opened in east Beirut from which UNRWA's international staff will operate," it said. A spokeswoman told Reuters that eight foreigners now worked for UNRWA in Lebanon. She would not say how many of them were evacuated nor when the move took place.

W.Germany holds 2 more Lebanese

FRANKFURT (AP) — Police have arrested two Lebanese nationals in connection with the discovery of a cache of explosives that bolstered suspicions of a possible Middle East extremist group based in West Germany, sources said Wednesday. The two men were taken into custody shortly after the arrests of two Lebanese brothers in West Germany, one of whom is a suspect in the hijacking of an American TWA airliner to Beirut in 1985. Security sources have indicated that the suspected group may include one brother, Muhammad Ali Hamadi, whose extradition from West Germany is being sought by U.S. officials in connection with the hijacking (See page 2).

India and Pakistan sign accord

NEW DELHI (AP) — India and Pakistan signed an agreement late Wednesday to reverse military buildups along their common border by pulling back troops to peacetime positions. The two nations also pledged not to attack each other and exercise "maximum restraint and avoid all provocative actions along the border," officials said. The agreement was signed on the fifth day of negotiations between senior foreign and defence officials of the two nations in New Delhi.

Israelis question Arab editors

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Israeli police have questioned four editors of an Islamic fundamentalist magazine published by Israeli Arabs in Galilee, police sources said Wednesday. The four were warned on Tuesday against incitement by the Al Sirat periodical but released without being charged, the sources said. The previous day, police raided the magazine's offices in the town of Umm Al Fahm and seized documents, they added.

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Gemayel begins 3-day official visit King reaffirms support for Lebanese unity and sovereignty

By Salamah B. Mcmatt
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel held official talks with His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday after arriving here on his first visit to the Kingdom since taking office in 1982.

During their talks, which centered on the situation in Lebanon, Arab and international issues, the King expressed Jordan's support for Lebanon's unity and sovereignty. "His Majesty confirmed Jordan's support for the unity of Lebanon, its land and people, and for achieving harmony that guaranteed Lebanon's sovereignty," the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said. It said that President Gemayel, who is on a three-day visit, told the King he "appreciated Jordan's firm support of the Lebanese cause."

Soviets assail new Nevada blast and hint at resuming own tests

MOSCOW (Agencies) — The Soviet Union on Wednesday condemned the latest U.S. nuclear test as a provocation and strongly hinted it would soon resume its own testing programme after a pause of almost 18 months. Reacting to the underground explosion on Tuesday at the U.S. Nevada test site, the official media said the administration of President Ronald Reagan was forcing the Soviet Union to carry out new tests in the interests of East bloc security.

"President Reagan was given the opportunity to decide whether silence would at last reign at the world's nuclear test sites or whether testing would be resumed with redoubled force," Moscow Radio said. "By exploding a nuclear device in Nevada, the United States bid defiance to world public opinion and deliberately took a provocative step to frustrate the Soviet moratorium."

Egypt to hold referendum to dissolve parliament

CAIRO (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak issued a decree on Wednesday calling for a national referendum to dissolve parliament. The decree came about one month after new election laws were issued, and called on all voters to run the referendum next Thursday, Feb. 12. It said there would be no parliament meetings meanwhile.

Mr. Mubarak announced the decree after a cabinet meeting. "We found after the new law was issued that for political convenience the dissolution of parliament must be presented in a referendum," he said.

The amendments to Egypt's election code, approved by Mr. Mubarak on New Year's eve, had triggered questions as to the legitimacy of the present parliament. The government, however, had insisted there was no need for polls before the body's term expires in 1988. But legal experts had insisted that without fresh elections, any action the parliament now takes is open to legal challenge. That would include parliament's nomination next August of a new president of the republic.

Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and Foreign Minister Taher Massi on the Jordanian side. Mr. Gemayel's adviser Ghassan Tawini and Lebanon's Ambassador to Jordan Pierre Ziadeh were also present. Following the first round of talks at Al Nadwa Palace, the two leaders flew to Aqaba where they were expected to continue their discussions through Friday. The King and Her Majesty Queen Noor earlier hosted a luncheon at Basman Palace in honour of the Lebanese president and his wife, Joyce. The banquet was attended by the delegation accompanying Mr. Gemayel and top Jordanian officials. Earlier, the King received Mr. Gemayel at Al Nadwa Palace and bestowed on him the Hussein Ibn Ali Medal, the highest Jordanian decoration. King Hussein carries Lebanon's Cedar Sash of the first

U.S. is continuing naval build-up in Mideast

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The Pentagon is continuing to build up U.S. forces in the Middle East, moving a second marine amphibious force from Spain to the Mediterranean, officials say. Robert Sims, chief Pentagon spokesman, said a Mediterranean amphibious ready group of about 1,900 Marines left Rota, Spain, early Tuesday, doubling the total number of U.S. Marines deployed in the Mediterranean. Sims declined to pinpoint where the group was going, but sources who requested anonymity told AP it had been directed to sail eastward towards two aircraft carrier battle groups and another amphibious group already stationed in the area. Over the past week, the Pentagon has marshalled a strong battle group in the Eastern Mediterranean in response to rising tensions in the Mideast and new hostage-taking in Lebanon. The carriers USS John F. Kennedy and Nimitz and the original amphibious group of about 1,900 Marines were steaming around in the southeastern Mediterranean, south of Cyprus and relatively close to the coast of Lebanon, Pentagon sources told AP.

Waite was 'trapped'

BEIRUT (R) — British church envoy Terry Waite walked into a trap set by kidnappers who had been angered over what they regarded as unfulfilled assurances, a senior militia official said in west Beirut on Wednesday. The official told Reuters that Mr. Waite was abducted by the captors of foreigners he sought to free because of assurances he was alleged to have given them in Kuwait for political violence there.

Mr. Waite vanished on Jan. 20, eight days after arriving in Beirut on a mission to secure the freedom of two Americans, a Briton and an Irishman. He has not been seen since. The same official, who asked not to be named, said last week Mr. Waite had been kidnapped by hostage-takers after leaving his bodyguards behind at a secret, after-dark rendezvous near a Shi'ite Muslim doctor's clinic in west Beirut. On Wednesday he said the kidnappers had set two conditions for a final face-to-face meeting with the Briton: It should be at night and Mr. Waite should not be accompanied by bodyguards provided by Walid Jumblatt's Druze-led Progressive Socialist Party (PSP). "When Waite arrived (at the meeting place), the doctor received a phone call to go down to the hospital for an emergency case. The kidnappers were supposed to have met both Waite



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Iraqi leaders review situation on southern front near Basra

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein presided over a five-hour meeting with his top commanders on Wednesday to review the situation on the southern Gulf war front where an Iranian cross-border thrust began more than three weeks ago. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) gave no details of the meeting, which was attended by Defence Minister General Adnan Khairallah and State Minister of Military Affairs Abdul Jabbar Shanshal. It followed an announcement four days ago by President Hussein that his troops had "broken the back" of Iran's latest Gulf war offensive, codenamed Karbala-5, in fighting near Iraq's second city of Basra. Iraq has not reported any air attacks on Iranian cities for the past 24 hours, but a war communique said Tuesday its warplanes launched retaliatory raids on a dozen cities and towns after eight people were killed and 38 wounded in shelling attacks on Iraqi centres.

PLO wants resolutions amended

TUNIS (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) will recognise U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338 on the Arab-Israeli conflict if they are amended to include the right of self-determination for the Palestinian people, a Palestinian leader said Tuesday night. Hakkam Balawi, the PLO's permanent representative in Tunis, also told reporters in a briefing at his home that the political dialogue between the PLO and Jordan would resume: "on a new basis."

That meeting, he said, will take place in Amman to define the "new basis," and comes after the recent meeting between His Majesty King Hussein and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Kuwait during the Organisation of Islamic Conferences (OIC) summit. Informal sources said in Amman that Khalil Al Wazir, deputy military commander of the PLO, was expected to arrive in Amman on Saturday to attend meetings of the joint Jordanian-Palestinian committee to support the steadfastness of the Palestinian people living in the occupied territories. Mr. Wazir heads the Palestinian side in the committee.

Mr. Wazir arrived in Algiers from Libya on Wednesday after meeting Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Qadhafi. In Algiers, he is expected to attend a reconciliation meeting with PLO factions opposed to Mr. Arafat. AP reported on Wednesday that Mr. Wazir's talks with Col. Qadhafi focused on means to end a four-year feud between the Libyan leader and the PLO. Mr. Wazir was reached by telephone in Tripoli from Cyprus and told AP that he and Col. Qadhafi met for 4½ hours Tuesday. "The atmosphere was excellent," he said. He told AP that he discussed with Col. Qadhafi a crackdown by Syrian-backed Shi'ite Lebanese militiamen against Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

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Swareddehab visits cultural and scientific institutions

AMMAN (Petra) — Field Marshal Abdul Rahman Swareddehab, former head of the military council in Sudan, on Wednesday visited the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (AI al Bait Foundation) and met its president Nassereddin Al Assad who briefed the visitor on the foundation's projects and programmes and its research on Islamic culture and science.

The foundation organises seminars and lectures on Islamic affairs and issues publications as well as conducting research related to Islamic and Arab culture and heritage. Dr. Assad explained. At the end of the visit Dr. Assad presented Marshal Swareddehab with the foundation's shield.

Later, Marshal Swareddehab visited the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and met its president, Dr. Jawad Al Anani, who spoke about the RSS' development and programmes and its cooperation with public and private sectors in Jordan. Marshal Swareddehab toured the RSS and was briefed on



Field Marshal Abdul Rahman Swareddehab Wednesday visits the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research where he is briefed by Dr. Nassereddin Al Assad on its programme and activities (Petra photo).

the functions carried out by its different departments.

Afterwards, Marshal Swareddehab called at the Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre where he met with its director Ra'fat Majali and directors of different sections. He was briefed on the work being carried out at the centre.

The next stop on Marshal

Swareddehab's tour was the University of Jordan where the university's president, Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali, spoke about the university's programmes and projects.

Ministry issues further instructions on employing non-Jordanian workers

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Labour and Social Development on Wednesday announced further instructions governing the employment of non-Jordanians in the country.

A ministry statement said that from now onwards no work permits will be issued to non-Jordanians seeking clerical, managerial, accountancy, typing, telex, secretarial, telephone operating, store keeping or interior decorating work or jobs as guards or messengers. The ministry statement said that Jordanian workers are now available to fill posts for all these types of jobs and that local manpower should be given a chance to handle such work.

According to the statement, a number of occupations can still be filled by non-Jordanians pro-

vided prior approval is obtained from the minister of labour. These jobs include those of a supervisory nature, technical jobs in all sectors except for trades and professions which cannot be taken up by Jordanians, and teaching. The statement made it clear that approval for work permits could be obtained if backed by a recommendation from the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

The statement, signed by Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan, appealed to all organisations and companies to cooperate with the Ministry of Labour in implementing these regulations and instructions. The minister also urged all Jordanians seeking jobs to apply through the Ministry of Labour's employment offices in the Kingdom.

Major road projects to be implemented this year

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Public Works is in the process of issuing tenders for a number of main roads to be implemented in the Kingdom during 1987 at an overall cost of JD 60 million, Public Works Minister Mahmoud Al Hawamdeh announced on Wednesday.

Mr. Hawamdeh said that the projects will offer jobs to local engineers and workers and will stimulate economic activity in Jordan.

Giving details of the projects, the minister said that they include the Aqaba road, a 31-kilometre stretch of highway which will link Wadi Al Ytem with the southern coast of Aqaba, enabling lorries and other heavy traffic to avoid going through the main approaches in the Red Sea port.

Another project is the Na'our detour road, a four-lane six kilometre stretch of road extending from Marj Al Hamam to the

Dar Al Dawa'a factory and including four junctions and overpasses. According to the minister, two tenders will be announced later in the year to link the Marj Al Hamam road with the Sweimeh Dead Sea road in the Central Jordan Valley region.

He said the projects include the Irbid-Thaghat Asfour road near Jerash which has already been awarded to a consortium of local firms. Work on this 26-kilometre four lane highway will cost JD 6.5 million and is expected to start in the coming month, Mr. Hawamdeh added.

Cement highway

Mr. Hawamdeh said that another road included in this year's plan is the Jafr-AJ Azraq highway, and that a consortium of Indian contracting firms has been awarded the tender at a cost of JD 36 million. Work on the 180-kilometre road, he continued, is expected to begin in the coming two months. He explained that Jordan will be paying the Indian contracting firms partly through a barter transaction involving the export of Jordanian phosphates, potash and cement to India and partly in cash from the Jordanian treasury.

According to the minister, the 180-kilometre road project will use locally-produced cement from the former South Cement Company. He said approximately 250,000 tonnes of salt resistant cement will be used in constructing the road.

Regional microwave link moves ahead

By Elia Nasrallah
Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — Jordan and Egypt are taking practical steps towards implementing a major telecommunications project linking the two countries via Aqaba and Sinai.

Mr. Akef Harb, assistant director for operations at the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC), told the Jordan Times that work on the Jordanian side of the project, which has been going on for nearly two years, will be completed by the end of 1987.

The project inside Jordanian territory is expected to cost \$12 million and is to be covered by the treasury and the Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Mr. Harb continued.

He said that the project, known as the Regional Microwave Transmission Project, was the subject of discussion between a team from the Egyptian Telecommunications Corporation and the TCC at a meeting held at the TCC headquarters on Wednesday. The talks covered technical

and engineering aspects and designs pertaining to the project.

The Egyptian team will remain here for one more week to hold more discussions on the project, Mr. Harb added.

According to TCC Director General Mohammad Shabab Ismail, the talks will pave the way for a general agreement on the implementation of the project now that the Egyptian side has decided to announce a tender for carrying out their part of the scheme within their territory in the near future. He said that the Egyptian side will carry out its part of the project after agreement is reached with the TCC on all technical aspects and other related matters.

Following the talks, Mr. Ismail stated that the TCC's part of the project entails linking the national telephone and television networks with those of Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

Telephone links

Once the project is completed, it will enable Egypt to have telephone links through the Jordanian network to Iraq, Syria and Turkey and will boost Egyptian television broadcasts throughout the region, Mr. Ismail added.

The project will also enable Jordan to make use of the international submarine cable network that links South East Asia, the Mediterranean and Western Europe, extending between Singapore in the east and the French city of Marseille in the west, Mr. Ismail added.

This network, in turn, he said could later be linked with the American continent through a submarine cable.

Relay stations

According to Mr. Harb, the TCC is building 11 relay stations between Amman and Aqaba in order to boost the microwave signals going to or coming from the south or to Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Once these stations are built and the project is operational, he said that towns such as Shobak and Qweira in the south will have better reception for television programmes.

Newly-elected ICRC president meets Abu Qoura

AMMAN (Petra) — Chairman of the Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) Ahmad Abu Qoura on Wednesday met the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) President Mr. Summaruga who arrived here on Tuesday. Discussions during the meeting focused on cooperation between the society and the ICRC and means of enforcing international humanitarian law.

Mr. Summaruga expressed his satisfaction and pleasure at the humanitarian activities being done by the JNRCS and its role in promoting international humanitarian law. Dr. Abu Qoura, who is also the chairman of the International Red Cross (ICRC)

Standing Commission, expressed hope that the ICRC would play a greater role in the enforcement and protection of international humanitarian law.

Mr. Summaruga was recently elected as ICRC president to succeed Mr. Alexander Hay whose term ends at the end of April.

The ICRC president is on a visit to Jordan as part of a tour of the region during which he will examine the activities of ICRC missions and will acquaint himself with the activities of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies in the region.

Mr. Summaruga is expected to end his visit to Jordan on Thursday.

CAEU secretary to attend trade talks, Arab council meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Secretary general of the Amman-based Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU), Mr. Mahdi Al Obeidi, Wednesday underlined the importance of building up an Arab Common Market which would be capable of promoting the free exchange of trade among Arab countries and increasing the effectiveness of the Arab nation's economy.

Mr. Obeidi urged Arab countries to work out a strategy in this respect and to implement the CAEU's principles and resolutions. His statement came on the eve of his departure for Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he will take part in a pan-Arab conference on

trade and will attend the 42nd meeting of the Arab Economic and Social Council to be held between Feb. 7 and 11.

The council's meeting is expected to tackle a number of economic issues of concern to Arab countries and the outcome of a pan-Arab trade conference. Mr. Obeidi said that the upcoming conference would be an important event and as it would be devoted to promoting trade and economic cooperation among Arab countries.

According to Mr. Obeidi, an exhibition of goods from all Arab countries will be held during the Riyadh meetings.

RJ plane and personnel help Sudan with airline operations

AMMAN (J.T) — A delegation representing the Royal Jordanian Airline and headed by the carrier's director Mahmoud Balqaz recently visited Khartoum to discuss the implementation of an agreement on commercial cooperation between the national airline and Sudan Airways.

A Royal Jordanian spokesman said that an agreement reached between the two sides gives Royal Jordanian the right to base one of its TriStars in Khartoum to

operate certain international routes under Sudan Airways flight numbers and colours.

Also, he said, a team from Royal Jordanian — including cockpit and cabin crew, engineering, marketing and finance personnel — will be based in Khartoum to support the Sudanese national airline's operations and to cooperate with its management in upgrading the quality of services and modernisation.



HIGH FASHION — The magic and beauty of the Orient went on show Wednesday in a parade of spectacular fashion wear designed by Iraqi ceramicist Nuh Al Radi and dress designer Suha Al Bakri. The Baghdad-based couple have successfully combined a range of accessible clothes which are a clever mixture of Western fashion with traditional Iraqi designs. Former minister of culture, Mrs. Laila Sharaf gave the audience a welcoming speech at the outset of the show which was organised by Usrat Al-Tadammun Alejtima, a charitable society for the care of needy families. An audience of 400 ladies gathered at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel for a glimpse of the new pieces on show. In the new line are pure goat hair "abayas" made of a fabric known as "Shan'w Shabak" with rainbow stripes as well as business and other wear — all using fabrics from Iraq (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan).

Foundation stone laid for private hospital in Jerash

JERASH (Petra) — The foundation stone for a 33-bed hospital to be named the Jerash National Hospital was laid on Wednesday. The new hospital will provide medical services of different specialisations with special care for children.

The estimated cost of the new hospital is JD 750,000, according to a spokesman for the proprietors.

Dr. Da'oud Hanania, director of the Armed Forces Royal

Medical Services, laid the foundation stone and made a brief speech in which he underlined the need for similar private hospitals to be built in Jerash district.

Dr. Hanania promised to help provide the new hospital with assistance and advice on matters related to medical and nursing staff and also the management of the new establishment.

Among those present at the ceremony were the mayor of Jerash and the district governor.

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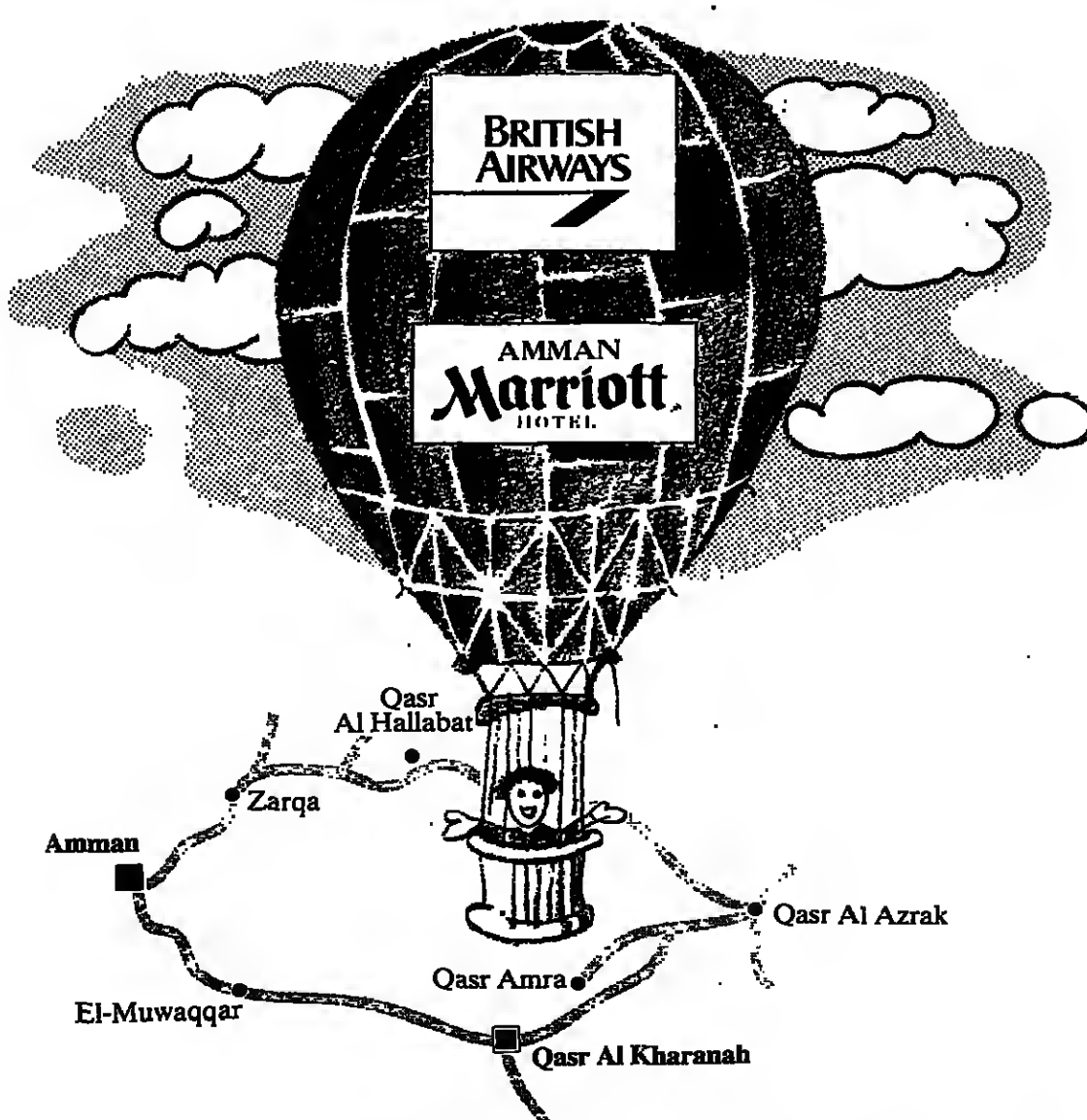
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Lebanon deserves support

THERE is more than meets the eye in the American naval build-up in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Gulf. The deployment of over 25 U.S. warships some 25 miles from the Lebanese coast and an unknown number of other American naval units in Gulf waters may be seen as an open assertion of U.S. raw power in the Middle East. But the build-up must also be viewed against recent developments in the area and within the U.S. as well as the international arena.

In the case of Lebanon, the recent wave of kidnappings in the strife-torn country is certainly an ominous development which has to be kept in its proper perspective. The abduction of four more Americans has exacerbated the situation in Lebanon and heavily overtaxed the patience of the U.S. as well as the international community. We do certainly join the international community in condemning the capture and detention of innocent people, be they from the West or the East, and we share the sentiment of everyone that something meaningful and effective must be taken to free all hostages regardless of their nationality.

While we do sympathize with the U.S. in this critical situation, we also think that the flexing of American muscles in the region goes beyond the issue of hostages held in Lebanon. For one thing, deployment of naval forces cannot by itself assure the safety of the captives nor can it accelerate their release. On the contrary, muscle flexing could worsen their fate. We also realize that the motive behind the American demonstration of power is to send a message to the kidnappers that the killing of any American hostage would not go unanswered. Under certain circumstances, the threat to use power could accomplish the desired objective, but we think that such a logic would not work in the case of Lebanon, where the situation has deteriorated so badly that exercising a combined military-diplomatic option could not produce the results that one would hope for.

After more than ten years of continuous strife and the prolonged absence of law and order, we think the show of U.S. force would not accomplish the objectives which the American policy makers have in mind. The U.S. challenge is more likely to be counter-challenged by the splinter groups and factions which are holding the U.S. hostages. In addition, the offer by Israel to help any U.S. military interventionist moves will only make any U.S. attempt to liberate their nationals or punish the culprits, should they decide to execute any of their hostages, look that more suspicious. In fact the mere offer by Israel to intervene alongside the U.S. has already weakened the U.S. position on the hostage crisis.

We still maintain that the best and most effective way to tackle this and other problems in Lebanon is to help reestablish law and order in Lebanon by strengthening the national government in Lebanon in more than one way. Harmony between the various factions and ethnic groups in Lebanon must be reintroduced with vigour and determination. If the Lebanese armed groups have abdicated their collective responsibilities to end their quarrels, then there is cause to let the Arab World try more forcefully to stop the fighting and stabilise the situation in favour of a strong, united Lebanon.

President Amin Gemayel's current visit to Jordan and his talks with His Majesty King Hussein should be considered as a serious effort towards this goal. Jordan, which has always believed in and worked for closing Arab ranks in order to serve the Nation's higher interests and causes, wants peace and stability restored to Lebanon. His Majesty, the Jordanian government and people are committed and stand ready to assist the Lebanese government and people in their quest for achieving this aim. We are both confident and hopeful that the effort will bear fruit and that President Gemayel's visit to Jordan will be most successful.

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Al Rai: Terror won't stop terror

THE kidnapping of innocent people and the bargaining over their fate is a condemned action in all form and measure; but putting an end to such action can never be done through invasion or strikes against civilian targets. An invasion can never secure the release of hostages but would rather lead to an escalation of tension and an eventual deterioration of the situation. Terrorism, conducted by nations, can never stop terrorism committed by groups or individuals. Therefore, the massing of American warships in the eastern Mediterranean and the escalation of tension in the whole Middle East region to pave the way for a strike on Lebanon under the pretext of freeing the hostages can never achieve positive results. Any American intervention in Lebanon can only result in further tragedies for the Lebanese people, and any indiscriminate shelling would aggravate the situation.

Al Dustour: Time for peace

LEBANESE President Amin Gemayel's visit to Jordan Wednesday comes amid very critical circumstances in the international arena and at a time when Lebanon is still plagued by civil strife. The situation in Lebanon requires concerted and sincere Arab efforts for helping the Lebanese people to reach a formula that can bring back peace to their country. Jordan for its part has always supported Lebanon's independence and looked forward towards seeing an end to the ordeal of the Lebanese people and their suffering and their tragedy. President Gemayel himself has been striving relentlessly towards re-establishing peace in his country and has been patient in his efforts and diligent in his endeavours, drawing admiration for his perseverance and fortitude. Mr. Gemayel has also drawn respect and appreciation from other Arab countries for his deep faith in Lebanon's affiliation to the Arab World, and indeed despite the on-going civil war and the tragedy the Lebanese people are going through, he has never given up his beliefs and his principles.

Sawt Al Shaab: Gemayel visits Jordan

THIS is the first visit to Jordan by Lebanese President Amin Gemayel. He comes to a country which has always been concerned with the on-going troubles in Lebanon and the tragedy befalling the Lebanese people. Lebanon has always had a special place in Jordanian people's hearts before and during the civil strife that has plagued the country for so long. Unfortunately, the Gemayel visit takes place as the war is still on in Lebanon, and as the American warships are threatening action in that country and the Palestinian refugee camps are being subjected to continuous attacks and shelling while the Lebanese economy is facing its most crucial moment in its history. Gemayel comes to Jordan and visits the King who was among the foremost Muslim leaders in Kuwait to call for safeguarding the independence of Lebanon and the country's territorial sovereignty, and urging Arabs and Muslims to help the Lebanese overcome their dilemma and their tragedy.

Iranian PoWs 'treated like guests'

By Ian Mather

BAGHDAD — At a prisoner-of-war camp, near the town of Ramadi, 110 kilometres south-west of Baghdad, young Iranians swarmed around visiting journalists pleading for their photographs to be taken and copies sent to them so that they might be passed on to their families by the International Red Cross.

The camp, known as "PoW Camp No. 7," was inside a military base, and was surrounded by rolls of barbed wire, high fences and walls between which fierce-looking dogs roamed.

Next to the entrance stood a large mural showing a smiling President Saddam Hussein wearing a military helmet.

The camp commander, Major Ali Mustafa, said there were around 1,000 prisoners in the camp, most between 17 and 20 years old.

The majority were Basij, Iranian boy "volunteers" from schools and colleges who had been given a month's training

before being sent to the battlefield.

Some were only 14 years old when captured, and had been in the camp for up to six years. The section of the camp we were permitted to visit consisted of two double-storey blocks divided into dormitories. Each dormitory contained 34 clean mattresses along the walls and had a TV set at one end.

Prisoners' laundry hung from the balconies, and loud Persian music blared over the camp's loudspeaker system. A group of prisoners played football in the space between the blocks.

All the prisoners were well-dressed in T-shirts, khaki sweaters, jeans and training shoes or sandals. In the kitchen a team of prisoners was cooking an enormous vat of rice and lamb. There was a school in which prisoners were learning to type on new electric typewriters, a games room with table tennis and a handicraft room where prisoners were learning weaving.

The school, in which French

and English were taught, was run by Terre des Hommes, a Swiss charity which specialises in helping children who are in difficulty.

Michel Rod, who ran the school, said the charity had negotiated a teaching agreement with the Iraqis in 1985. When asked if he had similar access to other sections of the camp he replied cautiously "not exactly."

The section we visited contained only 140 prisoners, and was the only one with a school, we were told. There were indications of a more spartan regime in other sections. Behind the walls of another section broken windows could be glimpsed. There was no music, and at first no sign of any prisoners.

Then just as we were leaving a whistle was heard and figures could be seen scurrying from their rooms. An official explained that it was lunchtime.

Mustafa painted an idyllic picture of life in his camp. He said that prison commanders had received a personal message from Hussein ordering that Iranian

prisoners should be treated well. Iraq holds an estimated 12,000 Iranian prisoners, of whom around 800 are Basij. Iran holds at least 60,000 Iraqi prisoners. Mustafa said the prisoners received three meals a day and \$4.50 a month, "in accordance with the Geneva Convention."

They had constant hot water, and there was a doctor in the camp. The classes were voluntary. There was no political indoctrination. He said the International Red Cross made regular visits and brought letters from the prisoners' families and items such as spectacles. All prisoners were weighed by the IRC and any who were underweight received extra food.

Several of the prisoners needed no encouragement to denounce Ayatollah Khomeini. One, called Yacum, said, "Khomeini is a tool in the hands of the Americans and the Israelis. I have been here for six years and I know President Saddam Hussein keeps sending letters of peace to try to end the

war. If I were to speak about the criminal Khomeini I could go on for hours."

A young man whose left arm was missing explained that it had been amputated as the result of a motorcycle accident when he was 15, but that he had still been recruited into the army.

Several spoke in halting English they said they had learned in the camp school. Most grilled correspondents about how long they thought the war would last.

Major Mustafa said seven disabled PoWs had been returned to Iran from his camp among 500 others returned within Iraq.

In addition, he claimed that 230 young prisoners aged between 13 and 15 had been sent to Turkey en route to Iran but had been returned to Iraq because

Iran said it did not have any prisoners of the same age.

"We believe these prisoners are human beings, not animals. We are not like the Iraqis who kill and injure prisoners-of-war," he said. "We have all read the Geneva Convention and received direct orders from the president to apply it. Those who do not are punished severely."

While it is clear that we were taken to see the most favourable conditions prevailing in Iraqi PoW camps, the International Red Cross is granted regular access to all prisoners and it is likely that Iraq is eager to demonstrate that it treats its war prisoners in a civilised manner as part of its campaign to win international support for its efforts to end the war — London Observer.

Israel to get a say on VOA broadcasts

By Bernard Josephs

minorities there."

TEL AVIV — The U.S. has pledged not to broadcast information that can damage Israeli or Jewish interests over the Voice of America relay station to be built in the Arava, it was revealed on Monday night.

Communications Ministry Director-General Yoram Alster said that a clause in the soon-to-be signed agreement for the building of the station allows for Israeli representations at the "highest possible level" if this undertaking is broken.

After two years of negotiations, details of the project were agreed Sunday by a ministerial team and VOA officials. The result will be a huge \$320 million relay station — the biggest of its kind in the world — that will allow VOA, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty broadcasts to reach the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Unlike VOA, the other two radio stations broadcast programmes designed to undermine the Soviet regime. Walter Roberts, co-chairman of the American delegation here to discuss the project, was quoted Monday as saying their aim was "to strike at the soft underbelly of the Soviet Union — the Turkish and Muslim

Asked about this, Alster said Monday night: "I know this is something that people are thinking about. But even though we are not responsible for the broadcasts, we have a clause that means we can intervene in the case of our interests being harmed."

The clause reads that the U.S. broadcasts will not contain material that harms Israeli or Jewish interests.

If Israel feels that this principle has not been adhered to, it will inform the U.S. authorities. If the matter is still not resolved, it will be brought before the U.S. and Israeli governments at the highest possible level.

Alster said Israel had no intention of controlling or inspecting broadcast material before it was transmitted. "We have the U.S. undertaking and have no reason to believe it will be necessary to invoke the clause," he said.

As to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, their participation in the project had been clear from the beginning, he added.

Now that most of the details of the transmitter agreement have been worked out, the final signing will take place either in Washington or in Tel Aviv within the next five weeks — The Jerusalem Post.

Egypt set to get IMF help for ailing economy

By John Rogers

Reuters

CAIRO — Egypt, assured of Western political backing in tackling a \$38.6 billion foreign debt burden, looks set to win a rescheduling deal which should give its ailing economy crucial breathing space.

The spotlight turns on Egypt following the Western creditor governments' agreement in Paris last week to reschedule debts owed by Brazil and the Philippines.

Although prospects for Egypt's long-term economic health remain clouded, Western diplomatic and banking sources say the West has accepted its bid to be treated as a special case.

The key to Egypt's anticipated success is political. Western governments see a stable Egypt as vital to their Middle East interests and European security.

They want Egypt, the most populous Arab state, to undertake long-term economic reform but accept that risks of unrest and instability as a result of enforcing austerity outweigh gains.

The diplomatic and banking sources forecast an accord by mid-1987 on International Monetary Fund (IMF) standby credits of up to \$1 billion.

After an IMF accord now being negotiated in Cairo, the principle, if not detail, of rescheduling through the "Paris Club" of creditor governments will be a formality, they said.

The Paris Club, an informal gathering of Western governments, meets periodically in the French capital to discuss the rescheduling of government-backed debt.

Egypt sought IMF help and debt relief because a bump in servicing payments — totalling \$4.9 billion in fiscal 1985/86, which ended on June 30, and \$5.4 billion in 1986/87 — coincided with reduced hard cash earnings.

After a \$2.9 billion balance of payments deficit in 1984/85, Egypt received up to \$2 billion less last year from remittances by expatriate workers in the Gulf, oil and tourism.

The sources said the scale of debt relief was not yet certain, but Cairo wanted 100 per cent rescheduling, with a five-year grace period and five years or more for repayment.

"They are seeking more generous terms than the Paris Club has normally given and they look likely to get it," one source said.

Another forecast rescheduling of \$1.5 to \$2 billion a year in interest and principal over four or

five years.

Egypt's debt burden comprises \$33.8 billion in medium and long-term public or government-guaranteed debt and \$4.8 billion in short-term debt.

Its annual debt servicing was manageable until five years ago, the sources said. But then it began to mount — to \$3.7 billion in 1981/82 and \$4.6 billion in 1983/84 — as grace periods ran out on concessional loans from the 1970s.

Cairo is not servicing loans from Arab states before 1979, when most Arab countries severed diplomatic ties with Egypt after it signed a U.S.-brokered peace treaty with Israel.

This slices about \$1.5 billion a year off the annual burden during the present payments hump, the sources said.

The United States, Egypt's biggest creditor, is owed \$9.8 billion, nearly half of it for past military sales.

Cairo was a major force pushing Washington to offer relief to 38 Third World military debtors last month. But President Hosni Mubarak rejected the terms, accusing Washington of not doing enough to help a major Arab ally.

The question of military debt is still under discussion, U.S. offi-

cials said.

In recent talks in Britain, France, Italy and West Germany, Mubarak argued that Egypt needed the best possible IMF terms.

"The Egyptians have very successfully persuaded everybody to forget about the economics and have made it a political exercise at the highest level," one Western official said.

Economists and diplomatic sources believe that a deal with the IMF may involve balance of payments support in return for Egypt slowly unifying its multi-tiered exchange rate system and continuing a policy of gradually raising prices of subsidised goods and services.

Mubarak says Egypt is committed to reform, but not on terms dictated from outside. The government has set its sights on cautious, gradual changes.

Long-term economic prospects remain uncertain, depending in part on the price of oil, Egypt's main export.

Tourism is recovering from last year's doldrums and, so long as Egypt is not blighted by Middle East violence, should return to earning about \$1 billion a year. Suez Canal income is expected to remain stable at around the same figure.

Gemayel begins three-day visit to Jordan

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order.

The King met with the Lebanese president during last week's Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) summit in Kuwait. The King called in a speech to the summit for concerted Arab efforts to end the senseless strife in Lebanon and urged national reconciliation.

At the fringes of the conference, the King and Mr. Gemayel also held separate informal talks with Syrian President Hafiz Al Assad and other Arab leaders.

Jordan has been involved in Arab efforts to end Lebanon's "camps war" between Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) fighters and Lebanese Shi'ite militias. It attended an Arab League foreign ministers' conference in Tunis in December which led to the creation of a seven-nation committee charged with

finding an end to the fighting. A Lebanese official was quoted by AP in a dispatch from Beirut on Wednesday said that Mr. Gemayel was visiting Jordan to seek the King's help in "sorting out differences with Syria."

The differences between Mr. Gemayel and Syria, according to the unnamed official, "focus on the political reforms to the Lebanese (political) system."

A Lebanese task team left Beirut for Damascus on Wednesday to discuss the possibility of convening a summit meeting between Mr. Gemayel and Mr. Assad who have not met officially since December 1985.

Muslim and leftist factions in Lebanon demand political reforms to end the 11-year-old civil war. Such reforms include limiting the authorities of the president, who, according to unwritten tradition, has been a Christian Maronite since Lebanon's inde-

pendence from France in 1943.

Jordan closed its embassy in Beirut because of the continued violence there. Royal Jordanian, Jordan's national carrier, suspended flights to Lebanon in June, 1985 after a Jordanian airplane was hijacked into Beirut and blown up on the tarmac.

President and Mrs. Gemayel arrived in Amman after a brief stop in Cyprus. They flew by helicopter from east Beirut to Larnaca, where they boarded a Middle East Airlines (MEA) airplane to Amman. The King, Queen Noor and top officials received the presidential couple at the Amman military airport.

Beirut airport has been closed since Monday due to security risks. MEA had also suspended its flights into and from Beirut following a decision by aviation insurance companies to suspend their insurance coverage of Beirut flights.

PLO wants amendments

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Mr. Wazir quoted Col. Qadhafi as saying he believed the Palestinians should be allowed to "practice their right to armed struggle against Israel."

Arab press reports have said relations between Syrian President Hafiz Assad and Col. Qadhafi have soured because of the "camps war" in Lebanon.

Mr. Wazir said Col. Qadhafi pledged to "spare no effort" in the search for a settlement to the "camps war."

Col. Qadhafi and Mr. Arafat have been at odds since Col. Qadhafi supported a Syrian-backed mutiny in the PLO in May 1983. The rebels sought to topple

Mr. Arafat.

Palestinian sources in Nicosia said the Wazir-Qadhafi meeting capped more than one month of secret contacts between PLO and Libyan officials.

Asked whether all differences were resolved, Mr. Wazir said: "There will be more meetings at the highest levels."

He would not say whether Mr. Arafat planned to visit Libya, but stressed that Col. Qadhafi "supports all moves for the reunification of the PLO."

He said the discussions also touched on the escalating war between Iran and Iraq and other Middle East issues.

U.S. is continuing build-up

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"America's trouble is that despite endless discussion of the issue, it has still not reached an internal consensus about the proper use of force in limited wars, particularly in the protracted war on terrorism."

"Clear targets — headquarters, training grounds and storage facilities of the various Shi'ite terrorist groups — have been spotted by U.S. reconnaissance satellites in Lebanon... but experience has shown that the terrorists can easily move around, moving their hostages with them. They will not, in any case, be extirpated by

one massive blow," the Post said. In East Jerusalem, the daily Al Shaab said there should be a unified Arab stance to counter U.S. intentions.

The newspaper said: "We deem it necessary to establish a unified and effective Arab stance to face the American threats."

"Syria is particularly called upon to do so... but how can the Syrian rulers' talk of facing American threats be understood while they perpetrate massacres against our people in Lebanon?" Al Shaab said, referring to Syrian support for the Lebanese Amal Movement in its fight against PLO forces.

Soviets assail Nevada test

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"If testing is the tail and the level of arms is the dog, you don't want the tail wagging the dog."

In Geneva, a Soviet arms negotiator said Tuesday the Soviet Union would press its efforts to start talks on a nuclear test ban with the United States in spite of continued testing by Washington.

The official, Yury Vorontsov, told the 40-nation Geneva disarmament conference: "The American idea is to have military superiority," adding: "We do not want to be the first... but if they insist on the arms race, they will get it."

The U.S. nuclear tests are being used, according to non-government arms specialists, to develop new weapons for programmes including "Star Wars," known formally as the strategic defence initiative (SDI).

President Reagan met his top advisers on Tuesday on a proposal to deploy the first stage of the "Star Wars" anti-missile shield in the early 1990s.

The White House said no decision was made but Senate Republican leader Bob Dole said earlier that he believed Mr. Reagan supported the early deployment of SDI weapons.

Iraqi leaders review situation on warfront

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ballast tank.

No injuries were reported and the ship, flying the Bahamas flag, sailed under its own power to anchor off Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

It was the 14th raid in a row attributed to Iran on shipping using Kuwaiti ports in apparent retaliation for Kuwait's backing for Iraq in the Gulf war.

The sources could not confirm a report from Lloyds that an Iranian tanker, Taftan, was attacked by Iraq off the Iranian coast on Sunday.

In Algiers, diplomatic sources said Tuesday that U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid were believed to have discussed a possible new Algerian initiative to seek a political settlement in the Iran-Iraq war.

The sources, quoted by AP, noted that several such previous efforts have failed.

Asked at a press conference what he was doing to end the Gulf war, Mr. Perez de Cuellar said: "I have no authority to impose peace. Only the political will of the five permanent members of the Security Council can do that."

In an interview published Tuesday in the Algerian government's Arabic language daily Ech Chaab (the People), Mr. Perez de Cuellar said he had proposed to both sides in the Gulf a possible starting point for discussing a political settlement.

Such a "platform" for discussing peace, he told Ech Chaab, included a ceasefire and prior agreement to spare civilian targets on both sides.

His proposals included an undertaking by both belligerents not to use chemical weapons, nor to attack any non-military or economic targets. He also suggested setting up an international commission to determine who started the war.

He said both sides seemed to accept the establishment of such a commission "in principle," but added:

"The work of such a commission will be very delicate, because it is not easy to determine who is an aggressor."

Mr. Perez de Cuellar later flew to Paris, for a three-day visit largely devoted to his effort to end the war. He was to meet Wednesday with Premier Jacques Chirac and Thursday with President Francois Mitterrand and Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond.

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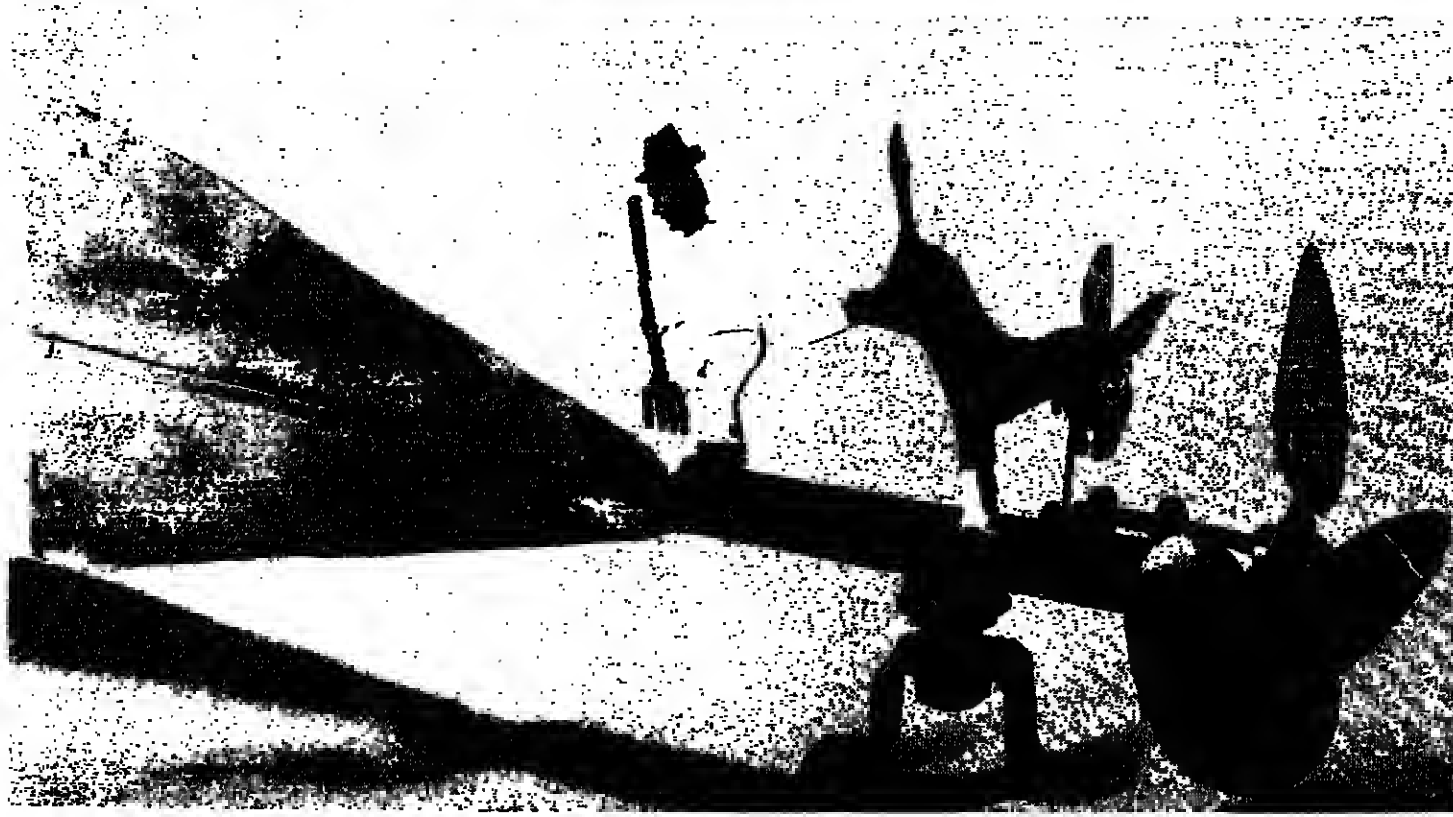
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Exhibition gives insight into the life and times of Idaho

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A major new exhibition, the largest ever brought to Jordan by the United States, opened at the Royal Cultural Centre this week. Entitled "Western Folk Art: The Crafts of Idaho," it comprises a riveting collection of everyday objects that have been meticulously made and beautifully decorated by hand.

Drawn from all over America's youngest states — Idaho has not yet celebrated its centennial — the objects which range from immensely colourful quilted rugs to spurs and saddles give a profound insight into the people of Idaho, their tremendous diversity

indicating some of the many backgrounds from which these people stem, while the different functions of the objects show their more recent and common frontier beginnings.

Well displayed and accompanied by a totally comprehensive and readable catalogue which explores the theme of the show in depth, the exhibition is divided into four categories. Transcending "region, material or group and showing the strong commonalities within Idaho's variety," the show opens with the section "Ceremony and Celebration." These objects made for religious ceremonies, and for the celebration of life's stages take "folk art beyond being pure objects of beauty to objects which can provide us with a deeper

understanding of the people who make and see the art."

Perhaps the most delicate of these objects are Eve Castellano's "coronas." Made for Mexican American girls throughout southern Idaho and eastern Oregon for the occasion of their 15th birthday, when they are begun to be considered women, these crowns of paper flowers dipped into melted wax are translucently fragile symbolising perfection, purity and innocence.

This section also features many very beautiful native American Indian crafts such as soft hide moccasins, leggings, belts and bags. Decorated with colourful bead work in traditional geometrical patterns, many of these have been made by the Shoshon-Bannock and Shoshon-Paiute Indians

(Above) the donkey's revenge is a common, broadly funny image in American culture and (right) a Basque picnic, Boise, 1933.

who still practise and teach the ancient Indian ways.

Puppets

"Western Folk Art: The Crafts of Idaho" is an exhibition that will appeal to children as well as to adults. One of groups of objects that has to appeal to the younger audiences most is Glady's Bickelhaupt, Lucille Huston, Blanche Larraga and June Simmon's "Pumpkin Holes" figures. Almost life size, these animal puppets, smartly dressed and decked out with buttonholes and bouquets have been the main attraction at many a fair in Idaho. The first figure the group ever made was a purple cow which caused such mirth that from then on the ladies decided the main aim of the art had to be to make people laugh.

Functional decoration for the home

The care taken over objects used to enhance their homes, as seen in the section "Beauty in the Home," indicates just how important home is in the lives of the people of Idaho. One of the favourite items the women liked to make and still do were quilts and rugs which were either objects of great function — the rag rugs kept the floors clean in the muddest weather — or they were hung as decorative elements. One of the most outstanding quilts on display is the "Log Cabin Quilt," whose creator is unknown. With its dazzling geometrical pattern, which pulsates between light and dark shades and colours, it is remarkable piece of craftsmanship that must have taken years to complete. Other fabulous pieces are the 1903 "Crazy Quilt" by Priscilla Mitchell Taylor and the beautiful "Trip Around the World" by Anona Sparks who is considered to be the local expert in quilting in Bennington, Bear Lake County.

One of the oldest pieces in the exhibition is the hand made chair. Made in the late 1870's by Thomas Nevins, its simple methods and materials — wood, hide, wire and nails — were used to produce quite sophisticated and attractive furniture.

Delicately carved spoons and cups, intricately embroidered table covers along with much else completes this section.

Saddles

Two of the most spectacular objects in the whole exhibition are the western saddles. Featured in the section "Working on the



Land," these saddles, although still pristine in their perfection have in fact been used and used — a testimony to their durability and design. The more ornate of the two — an amazing piece whose leather has been tooled into elaborate floral designs, has been made by Dale Harwood who can execute "every part of saddlemaking from carving the wood from the tree to inlaying and engraving the silver rowels."

Although very highly decorated, Harwood's saddles are used by the hardworking cowboys of the state — the *buchavoo* — a word derived, according to the catalogue from the Arabic word for cow — *bagara*. This means they have to be comfortable, functional and durable, qualities which Harwood learned to make by dismantling old tried and true versions.

As can be expected, a greater part of "Working on the Land" is given over to much equipment needed for ranching. There are bridles, ropes, reins, spurs and even branding irons and the old door on which the blacksmith used to test his final product. More unusually there are two Logger's helmets delicately engraved while Gerald Bebee's beautifully carved Grizzly Bear and Eagle demonstrate just how precise a chain saw can be in the hands of a master.

Objects for pleasure

"Whimsy and Recreation" is the collective name given objects that have been made purely for pleasure. These objects mostly take the form of wooden carvings, but carvings with a difference. The majority of them have been carved from a single piece of wood and in such a way that makes them visual riddles — like a little wooden hall inside a wooden cage, and a wooden chair. The master of these "Whittlers," as they are known, has to be Vernon Shaffer who whittled nearly 24 feet of wooden chain from a 16 foot board as well as a perfect reproduction of scissors, pliers and fans — all done by only removing the wood.

Other delightful objects in this section, beside the lovely willow fishing basket by John Cook, are the duck decoys of Frank Werner. Immaculate in every detail, these decoys are so realistic you have to reach out and touch them just to make sure they are not going to fly away. Although many have them as decoration for their homes these decoys are actually made to be used.

This wonderful exhibition full of surprises, fun, interest and beauty should not be missed before it moves on to Syria, Tunisia and Pakistan. The exhibition runs until February 10.



Dale Harwood Saddle, 1973

Randa Habib's
Corner

Epitaph to a directory

WHAT would you do if you were looking for the phone number of a company, a shop or even a doctor? The first thing to pop into your mind would certainly be to open the most recent telephone directory issued by the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC). In fact you would be shocked if you did just that as you would find it to be out of date — it was issued in 1983. But unfortunately, the 1983 edition is the directory's latest.

If, however, you decide to try the number you just dug out, someone on the other end may well say that you've dialled the wrong number or you may hear a voice repeating: "The number you called is not in use anymore, please check with information." So you decide to give it a try by dialling directory inquiries (12) but, alas, to no avail. For at least two or three minutes will pass before you realise that all you are going to get is frustration. However, if you are very fortunate someone may answer your call but only — as it has occurred on several occasions — to give you a wrong number. One wonders why the telephone directory is not periodically renewed with the introduction of fresh and clearly classified phone numbers every year. Undoubtedly, this would save time, effort and temper.

When this question was raised, one TCC official defended his department's reluctance not to reprint the directory on an annual basis because of unexpected and prompt changes in telephone numbers. Telephone numbers, the official added, have changed frequently over the past years.

Printing a new directory, the official maintains, could have been a waste of time, effort and money. While the official's argument may be partly true, still this does not justify the TCC's unfulfilled commitment; bearing in mind the subscription fees it collects from the public. Moreover, renewing the phone directory on an annual basis would be a profitable project since it will be sold to the public. The directory, by also carrying paid advertisements, will generate enough revenues to cover reimbursements and make a profit for the TCC. After all, how do they expect anybody to make a call with all the recent mixed-up numbers and additions. Local residents have already got used to memorising by heart the new changes and additions to phone numbers — numbers starting with eight should be preceded by nine, with four and five should be preceded by six and so forth. Now that the TCC is fully computerised, issuing a new phone directory should surely be no great feat.

Sri Lanka's Tigers make bombs, grow mushrooms

By Marilyn Odchimar
Reuters

JAFFNA, Sri Lanka — The Tiger rebels are making bombs, growing mushrooms and even constructing their own plane as they work to build a shadow government in Sri Lanka's northern peninsula of Jaffna.

Formed by a rag-tag band of 27 disgruntled youths in 1973, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam were by mid-1985 able to push the military back to its camps.

Now the Tigers rule most of the peninsula.

They are the most powerful of the guerrilla groups fighting for a separate state for Sri Lanka's minority Tamil community. Their leaders, accompanied by teenage bodyguards clutching AK-47 rifles, walk around with impunity here, 320 kilometres north of the capital Colombo.

This was impossible in early 1985, when army convoys used to rumble through the dusty plain from the troops' main camp at the old Dutch-built fort in the heart of Jaffna town.

All roads leading to the fort are now blocked with tyres, sandbags, soil and, in one case, a high concrete wall.

The Tigers fight against mortar bombardments, helicopter gunships and Italian-made fighter-bombers with home-made 150mm and 90mm mortar bombs and an array of imported weapons.

Balasubramaniam Canagaratnam, a rebel spokesman known by the nom de guerre of Rahim, said the weapons were more modern than those used by the military.

They include Belgian-made 60mm mortars, West German Heckler and Koch G3 A3 rifles, and U.S. M16 rifles, some of which Rahim said were marked as U.S. army property.

"Anything can be bought in the open market abroad," he said. The Tigers have their own weapons factory too.

Two Czechoslovakian lathes and a Soviet-made mill churn out 50 mortar bombs and 100 gre-

nades a day. The prototype of a two-seater single-engine plane with a wingspan of about five metres is also being assembled.

"We'll try it by February and if it's successful, we will improve on it by putting a more powerful engine," said Kuganathupathan Yogaratnam, who supervises the factory.

Senior Sri Lankan military officials told Reuters they believed the Tigers had made chemical weapons from huge quantities of chlorine stolen last year from a warehouse in Paranthan, a town outside the peninsula.

The rebels administer civilian life in the peninsula through what they call public relations offices in each of 29 political divisions — equivalent to a village.

The offices supervise petty criminal and civil courts, collect taxes from shops and restaurants, license slaughter-houses and restaurants, and run farms.

The farms grow mushrooms and other vegetables and breed prawns, rabbits, pigs and poultry. The Tigers opened a mini-supermarket called Uthayam in Jaffna town recently and villages are to have similar stores.

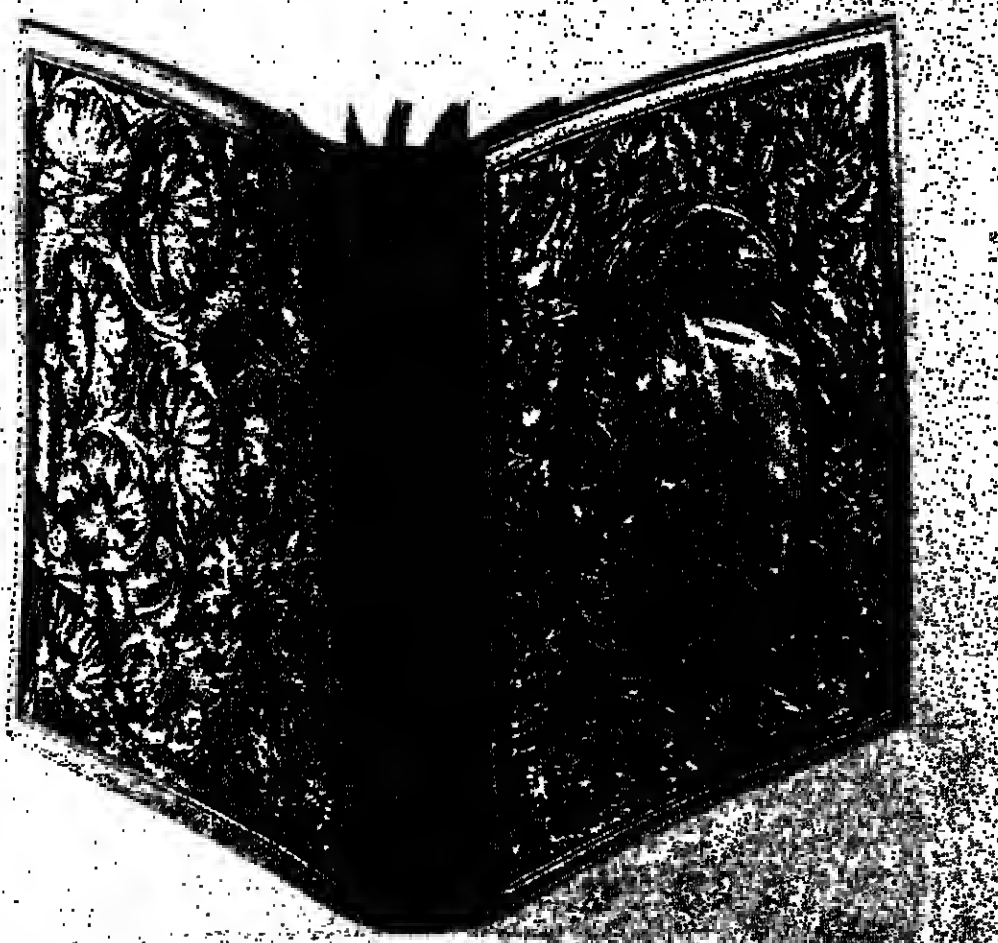
Uthayam sells soap, fruit juices, cooking oil, incense, plate stands and plastic chairs — products which Rahim said are made by Tiger-allied factories.

At night, children flock to a park-cum-zoo built by the rebels or browse at a library filled with Tiger and other revolutionary literature.

The Tigers have taken over the licensing of televisions, radios, cinemas and foreign employment agencies from the rival Eelam Peoples Revolutionary Liberation Front which they smashed in December.

Stamps will be issued this month. But plans for rebel-trained civilians to take charge of traffic were aborted after the government imposed a fuel embargo in January.

The embargo forced the Tigers to indefinitely postpone the inauguration of a secretariat that was to coordinate its offices.



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100-fathom dive to see coelacanth alive

By Wieland Schmitz
Reuters

MUNICH, West Germany — The world's oldest surviving vertebrate, the coelacanth, has been observed for the first time in its natural habitat by a team of scientists working from a two-man submarine deep in the Indian Ocean.

The bony, prehistoric fish, which originated 350 million years ago and has hardly evolved since, was thought to have been extinct for at least 60 million years until the chance find of a live specimen on a fisherman's line in 1938.

But that fish, which soon died, and other examples found since have all ended up stuffed.

Now, nearly 50 years later, an expedition led by a member of the Max Planck Institute for Animal Behaviour near Munich has studied and filmed the species at 180 metres down off the Comoro Islands.

The expedition leader, marine biologist Hans Fricke, described the sightings earlier this month as the fulfilment of an underwater challenge comparable to the discovery of the sunken wreck of the Titanic.

"They are tremendously rare. We travelled many, many miles in the submarine and we found only two. Because they live so deep down, past expeditions have failed," Fricke told Reuters in an interview at the institute.

"The fish is a living fossil," he said. "It has tremendous importance for evolutionary biology and

to see how it lives and moves in its natural environment was a missing link."

All previous study has been from fossils and dead fish caught on lines.

The greyish-green, white-spotted coelacanth measures up to two metres in length and weighs up to 100 kilos. It has fluorescent cat-like eyes and moves so slowly "you could fall asleep watching it," Fricke said.

Its front fins have a limb-like structure, supporting theories that four-legged mammals, and ultimately man, may have evolved from a now-extinct branch of the species, he added.

Fricke is trying to raise \$25,000 to return to the Comoros on a second expedition next month to attempt to assess the size of the coelacanth colony.

He said he feared the fish, nature's greatest survivor, could be on the verge of extinction and wanted it officially declared an endangered species.

Fricke's four-man team included two other West Germans and a French oceanographer, Raphael Plante of the University of Marseille, and was aided by a British-crewed support vessel.

The two fish sighted were off the main island of Grand Comoro in warm, dark waters where the submarine landscape is a mass of lava caverns and cliffs.

"They seemed to hover almost immobile, slowly waving their fins. But when one of them was scared by the lights of our submarine it panicked, ran into us

and lost some of its scales before shooting off," Fricke said.

The sensational discovery that the coelacanth had stood the test of evolution was made in 1938 by South African professor James Smith, called in to identify what a fisherman off the port of East London thought was a monster from the deep.

Until then, all the world of science knew about the species came from fossilised remains at least 60 million years old. Smith's coelacanth died within hours as a result of the force of decompression as it was hauled to the surface.

Smith discovered another fish 14 years later in the Comoro Islands, where Fricke says local fishermen occasionally find them hooked to the end of their lines.

All die quickly from decompression and though not eaten, their tough, sandpaper-like scales are used by locals as an abrasive.

Fricke said Smith's initial discovery was probably of a stray and that the coelacanth's exclusive habitat appeared to be the Comoros, though why was still an enigma.

He said he hoped to establish whether fish caught by accident could survive if returned immediately to the ocean, giving the species a helping hand to ward off extinction.

"I do have permission from the Comoran government to transport two abroad but they are so rare I don't see why they should end up in an aquarium. I'd hate that," he said.

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Conner sweeps America's Cup final

FREMANTLE, Australia (AP) — Dennis Conner is a winner again. The cup is America's again.

Driven by his America's Cup loss in 1983, Conner drove Stars and Stripes to a crowning victory Wednesday and recaptured the auld mug from down under.

The man hailed as the world's top 12-metre skipper won the sailing world's top prize with a 1 minute, 59-second victory over Australia's Kookaburra III.

It gave the U.S. yacht a 4-0 sweep of the best-of-seven final series. And it gave Conner a more positive slant in boating's history books than the one he received after the cup loss to Australia II, when he was skipper of Liberty in Newport, Rhode Island.

"It's great. The sailing conditions were fantastic," Conner said while still aboard his boat. Said losing skipper Iain Murray: "He just had a bit more (speed) than we had. The boat just hasn't got what he's got, and that's it. We thought we were sailing better than we've ever sailed before."

Referring to his crew, Murray, 28, sailing in his first America's Cup series, said: "I think they realise they've been beaten by a better boat and a better team on this occasion, and they accept that."

"We're very happy. We're disappointed but happy," he said. After becoming the only U.S. skipper to lose the trophy that had been America's for 132 years, Conner set about redeeming himself with a \$20 million campaign that produced three new boats. It all paid off.

Wednesday's victory margin was the largest of the series against Kookaburra III and set off a raucous return to the dock, as scores of spectator boats accompanied Stars and Stripes.

Thousands of people lined the harbour front on the sunny summer afternoon to greet the winners, some waving large American flags. Conner's crew — wearing red, white and blue — waved to the cheering throngs and popped huge bottles of champagne.

Stars and Stripes entered the harbour with a huge spinnaker flying; Kookaburra III sailed in behind it.

It was the first sweep by an America's Cup skipper since Ted Turner steered Courageous past Australia in 1977.

The San Diego Yacht Club skipper, who won the cup aboard Freedom in 1980, has said a committee will be set up to decide whether the next defence will be held in southern California or elsewhere. The next series is expected to be held in 1990.

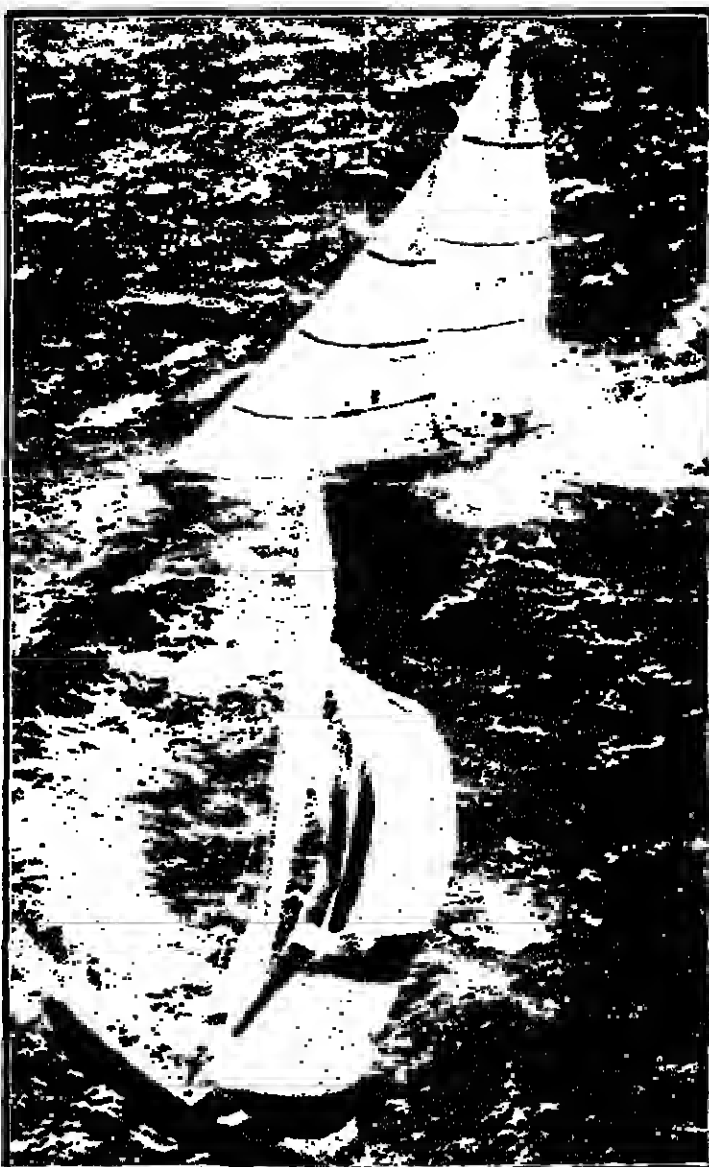
Either way, the San Diego club is only the third yacht club to claim the cup in the long history of the race.

The New York Yacht Club held it until 1983, when John Bertrand of the Royal Perth Yacht Club won the trophy aboard Australia II, beating Conner in seven races.

Stars and Stripes was among four boats to reach the challenger's semifinals from an original field of 13. Since then, it won 12 of 13 races, losing only to New Zealand in the third race of the challenger finals.

In Wednesday's race, the winds were from the southwest at 16 to 20 knots, close to the strong breeze that Stars and Stripes prefers. Murray was hoping for a lighter breeze.

Through six of the eight legs, the race was the closest of the final series, but at no point did



America's Cup winner, Stars and Stripes (lower yacht), skippered by Dennis Conner, raises its spinnaker as it rounds the first mark 15 seconds ahead of the Australian defender, Kookaburra III, in third race action on Monday. Stars and Stripes won the fourth and decisive race on Wednesday to take the America's Cup back to the U.S.

Kookaburra III threatened to go in every mark throughout the four races. Stars and Stripes led at

Corporate promotions key to America's Cup

By Sid Moody
The Associated Press

FREMANTLE, Australia — The America's Cup floats on an ocean stirred by corporate promotion and publicity.

It has to. Money is the real wind that makes cup 12-metre yachts go, and corporations are where the money is. And when corporations give money, they want the world to know where it came from.

That's why the day is not far off when the sleek hulls and full-breasted spinnakers of cup yachts probably will have as many corporate logos as Boris Becker's tennis shirt.

The Americans, the nation that gave you P.T. Barnum, Madison Avenue and 30-spot commercials that sell politicians like hamburgers on a sesame seed bun, excel at hoopla.

But the Australians are showing the world they not only could win the cup. They know how to exploit it down to the last farthing.

"The day of the private syndicate with a couple of men putting up the money is over," said Graham Walker of Britain's White

Crusader, one of the eliminated challengers.

The boat originally was christened Crusader, another in the long line of cup yachts named for virtues like reliance or intrepid.

Then a Scotch distiller anted up some money, and, as in any proper marriage, gave part of its name to its betrothed. Hence White Crusader. The other part of the company, A Horse, stands in statue form atop the boat's dock hoist.

Harold Cudmore, White Crusader's skipper who now is selling his services as a television commentator for the cup races, predicts the 12-metres will have to race yearly like Grand Prix race cars.

Twelves are a development yacht class. Development, or improvement, costs millions.

Alan Bond, the man who won the cup for Australia, says a next campaign will cost \$25 million.

"It will be too big for individuals," said the man who was eliminated Jan. 20 the day he paid \$1.2 billion for a communications empire. "It's as simple as that. We have lots of good sponsors, but it is becoming too big for them as well."

Bond would like government to help foot the bills since western Australia is estimated to see 14,000 jobs and \$400 million in revenues result from the races in Fremantle.

"There will be pressure to run races on an annual basis for the benefit of sponsors," Cudmore said. Television also may get its feet wet in cup racing. TV has money, too.

With minicameras bringing the action directly from the cockpit while the race actually is going on, cup racing, often likened to watching paint dry, actually can be exciting.

There was high drama when Stars and Stripes, the American Cup challenger, shredded her jib while racing New Zealand. Suddenly the crew raced forward, leaving skipper Dennis Conner at the wheel alone in the picture. The mike picked up the tension as he issued taut instructions.

Spectators used to have to watch the cup yachts from their own boats or pay through the sunburned nose for a position at the rail of a lurching charter vessel. Television brings the beauty of the sailboats right before your eyes.

Television, of course, lives on advertising, which will put further commercial pressure on the cup.

Recognising this, the international yacht racing union is relaxing its rule that forbids advertising on yachts.

Stars and Stripes built three twelves, and Conner trained for three years to get back the trophy he lost in 1983. Malin Burnham, head of the syndicate, says expenses to race in Fremantle are running \$20,000 a day.

Twice he has called in the media to ask Americans back home to send money, the usual request of an overseas traveller. A soft drink firm and a brewer complied. As a result they are the "official" cola and beer for Stars and Stripes.

They get their logos plastered all over Stars and Stripes' compound and the crew as well, even though Conner was photographed quaffing a rival cola the morning the other soft drink firm came on board.

Scarcely had the cup been unbolted from its pedestal at the New York Yacht Club to come down under than its new owners, the Royal Perth Yacht Club, copyrighted the trophy.

With the advice of the American International Management Group, which markets celebrities and sports stars, Royal Perth began selling cup nights.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Rebel American oarsmen dropped

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, England (AP) — Four rebel American oarsmen, who have been protesting over squad selection, were dropped Wednesday from the Oxford University crew for this year's boat race against Cambridge, when they failed to turn up for training. The Americans, who have been protesting about the exclusion of one of their countrymen, did not join the rest of the team at a routine training session and team officials said they would be left off the roster for the March 28 showdown along part of the River Thames. The four Americans, oarsmen Dan Lyons, Chris Huntington, Chris Penny, and Coxswain John Fish have been protesting over the exclusion of team-mate Chris Clark. They maintain that Clark was made a scapegoat for last year's defeat, which followed ten consecutive Oxford victories in the annual race.

Southampton downs Coventry

LONDON (AP) — Two goals by Glenn Cockerill gave Southampton a 2-0 victory over Coventry City Tuesday to lift the south coast side away from the relegation danger area in the English soccer standings. In F.A. (Football Association) Cup action, Ian Baird bagged a 56th minute winner for Leeds United to send the Second Division team into the fifth round on the back of a 2-1 scoreline at Third Division Swindon Town. Hull City, also from Division Two, triumphed 1-0 at Fourth Division Swansea City and, in a replay, another Second Division side, Barnsley, whipped Fourth Division Aldershot 3-0 to claim a fifth round match against the current league leader Arsenal.

Noah advances in Lyon tennis

LYON, France (AP) — France's top-seeded Yannick Noah comfortably won his first-round match while his sixth-seeded compatriot Tarik Benhabiles lost in the \$74,000 Lyon Grand Prix tennis tournament Tuesday. Noah defeated Claudio Panatta of Italy, 6-1, 6-3. Sweden's Peter Lundgren, ranked just 99 in the world, downed Benhabiles, 6-7 (5-7), 6-4, 6-3. Fourth-seeded Guy Forget of France went through to the second round when Claudio Mezzadri of Switzerland retired because of fatigue when Forget was leading 6-1, 1-0. Second-seeded Joakim Nyström of Sweden eliminated France's Thierry Champion, 6-0, 6-4 and eighth-seeded Libor Pisek of Czechoslovakia beat Switzerland's Roland Stadler, 6-2, 6-2.

Brazilian soccer star jumps to death

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Veteran soccer star Carlos Jose Castillo died Monday after throwing himself from his luxury apartment in a Rio suburb, according to news reports. He was 59 years old. Castillo threw himself from the 6th floor of his apartment, the Jornal Do Brasil radio said. The radio station quoted neighbours as saying Castillo had been acting "nervously" recently and had appeared depressed. Castillo was goalkeeper for Brazil's 1982 World Cup championship squad and former goalie for Rio's Fluminense soccer club. He had been coaching a soccer team in Saudi Arabia for the past year and was in Brazil on a two-month holiday, sports analyst Jose Fausto Netto told the Associated Press. The veteran star was to return to Saudi Arabia on Wednesday. Castillo played with Fluminense from 1948 to 1966 and participated in successive World Cup tournaments from 1954 through 1966.

Tottenham interested in Maradona

LONDON (R) — Tottenham manager David Pleat said his club might attempt to sign Argentine World Cup captain Diego Maradona if "a clever financial exercise" could be worked out. Maradona, who cost his present club Napoli a world record \$7.5 million when he bought him from Barcelona in 1984, said last month that he would like to play in England before returning to Argentina to finish his playing career. Pleat, in a newspaper interview, said: "I had always dismissed the idea as an impossible dream, but not any more. I had read Maradona had warmth in his heart for English football, and for Tottenham in particular. I thought no more of it, but I've since learned it is fact."

Romanian swimmers steal show

EAST BERLIN (R) — East Germany's powerful women swimmers were in fine form at a 20-nation meeting in East Berlin, but Romanian teenagers Nocoli Lung and Tamara Costache stole the show with superb wins over 400 metres individual medley and 50 metres freestyle respectively. Lung, who set a world-best mark for the distance in Paris on Saturday, led throughout and surged home in four minutes 40.97 seconds on Tuesday night. Yelena Dendeberova of the Soviet Union came second, but her time of 4:49.87 showed the difference in class. Costache, who also improved her own world-best 50 metres time in Paris, clocked 25.74 to win from East Germans Kristin Otto and Katrin Meissner.

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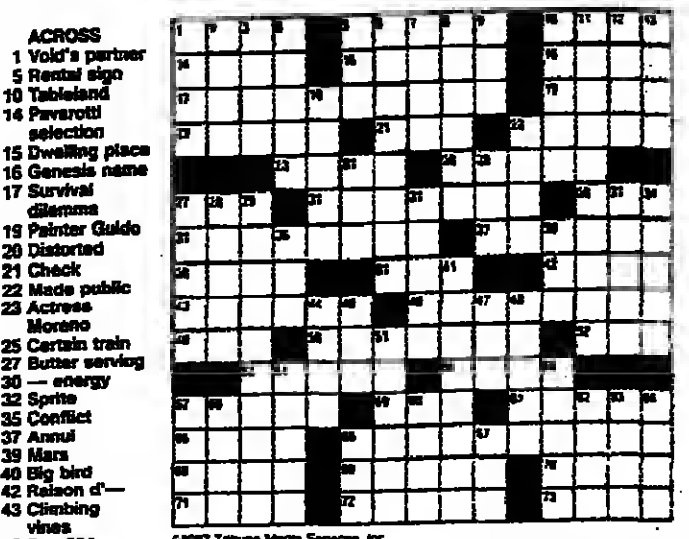
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DOWN: 1 Space acronym, 2 "Exodus" author, 3 Connection, 4 Los Angeles hoopster, 5 Paving stuff, 6 Slog word, 7 Indian quail, 8 FR for food, 9 Pro —, 10 "West Side Story" heroine, 11 Famed English Channel croqueters, 12 Rational, 13 Surrounded by, 15 Dust, 22 far, port, 24 Barge header, 26 Scull, 27 Sacred song, 28 Roman courts, 29 Way to stay afloat, 31 Nocturnal mammal, 33 At — (free), 34 Armada, 36 Mill, letters, 38 — capits, 41 Rare, 44 — time (never), 45 Slog word, 47 Andrew —, 48 Sarto, 49 Cleopatra, 51 Nocturnal insect, 54 Revise, 55 Hopeless case, 57 Crest, 58 Not on time, 60 Eldest: Fr., 62 Eskimo house: var., 63 Thick slice, 64 Newcastle's, 65 Wise to a Scotman, 67 "A-Team" name.

Pakistani skipper scores century against India

MADRAS, India (AP) — Skipper Imran Khan led Pakistan's batting revival with a splendid unbeaten century as the visitors took control of the first cricket test against India here Wednesday.

Pakistan's last three wickets added 214 runs before Imran Khan declared the first innings closed at an imposing 487 for nine, some 30 minutes before the draw of stumps.

Imran, who himself remained unbeaten on 135, his third test century and second against India, displayed the batting prowess that has made him one of the game's top all rounders.

Pakistan, after resuming with the overnight score of 247 for five seemed heading for trouble when the Indian spinners downed seven wickets for 273 on a wicket which is progressively deteriorating.

But Imran guided his last three batsmen, Wasim Akram, Saleem

Yusuf and Tauseef Ahmed to see Pakistan reach a position from where only a dramatic turnaround can bring India victory.

Akram, who made 62 with five sixes and six boundaries shared a rollicking 112-run stand in 122 minutes for the eighth wicket with his skipper.

The stand was Pakistan's best for the eighth wicket against India, surpassing Wasim Raja and Tahir Naqash's 95 at Jullundur in 1983.

The Indian bowling, which looked good until Imran and Akram came together, wilted when the Pakistani skipper took charge at the fall of Akram's wicket.

Runs came in a torrent as Imran blasted five sixes, the first of which landed a few feet behind the Indian selectors sitting in the VIP enclosure of the pavilion, while the fifth struck the giant scoreboard.

Pinango retains title by halting Duarte's comeback

INGLEWOOD, California (AP) — Champion Bernardo Pinango of Venezuela halted Frankie Duarte's three-year comeback short of its goal Tuesday night winning a unanimous decision in their 15-round World Boxing Association bantamweight championship bout.

Duarte, 32, had been aiming for a world title since resuming his career three years ago after a self-imposed, five-year absence from the ring because of drug abuse and alcoholism.

Pinango dominated most of the fight by outboxing his more experienced opponent. However, Duarte had the champion in trouble on several occasions.

Early in the 12th round,

Duarte floored Pinango with a right hand, but the champion was up after taking a mandatory eight-count. Duarte continued to punish his opponent for the rest of the round, but was unable to finish him off.

Duarte, of the United States, had buckled the champion's knees in the 10th round with a right hand.

The challenger also controlled the action in the third round, but suffered a cut in his left eyelid on an unintentional head butt.

Pinango assumed command during the fight's middle rounds, using an in-and-out style that kept Duarte from getting inside and allowed the champion to score with jabs and combinations.

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

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One U.S. dollar	1.3312/7	Canadian dollar
	1.8115/25	West German marks
	2.0425/35	Dutch guilders
	1.5290/5300	Swiss francs
	37.53/58	Belgian francs
	6.0385/0435	French francs
	1290/1291	Italian lire
	152.60/70	Japanese yen
	6.4850/4900	Swedish crowns
	6.9750/9800	Norwegian crowns
	6.8500/50	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	402.10/402.60	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Shares held on to earlier gains to trade at around record levels in late business. Dealers said fresh buying interest, particularly in international shares after a firming in the dollar, was pushing prices up.

By 1549 GMT, the FTSE 100 index was trading at a peak of 1,843.6, 15.1 points above Tuesday's closing and well above the closing high of 1,832.8 reached on Monday.

A 64p jump in ICI shares to 1,380 was partly responsible for pushing the index higher. Dealers said the shares responded to a broker's upgrading of its 1988 profits forecast, with investors anxious not to be underweighted in the shares.

Brokers Greenwell Montagu said they upgraded their forecast for 1988 profits at ICI by around £100 million to £1.5 billion. Other chemicals and pharmaceuticals were steady, with Glaxo off 5p to 1,353, on profit-taking after its recent gains and Wellcome 6p higher at 289 on speculation its AIDS treatment drug will prove successful in the market, dealers said.

Merchant bank shares were depressed by proposals to give the Bank of England a greater influence over shareholdings in U.K. banks.

YOUR DAILY
Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 5, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today it is up to you to get into whatever new arrangements you wish to make where the practical side of life is concerned. Be objective and cheerful.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Be alert to the best way in which you can get rid of a monetary worry. Don't listen to self-seeking people.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You have a partner who is trying to force you into doing something you don't approve of, so be leery.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Consider well how best to handle your duties so that you do not get yourself into a bind.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) An argument between your friend and your mate could upset you, but kind words stop it quickly.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Schedule your time well so that you can handle both business and family affairs. Be sure your car is running well.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You have good ideas, but this is not the right time to put them in operation. Get to know new acquaintances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Wait awhile before you try to make a financial deal with another. Losing your temper would not be wise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be more cooperative with a partner whose views are as fixed as your own and reach an understanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Do not permit a secret worry to take you away from your regular duties today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be sure to do what your mate desires of you. Don't go off on a tangent with some friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You should be more home oriented today, even if you have to be in the outside world.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Get your responsibilities completed nicely. Go over any bills or statements that are important.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will think and rethink things over before reaching a decision and should be taught to stop deliberating so much, otherwise others less capable can run away with the prize, as it were. Teach to listen to the ideas of others and not to be too self-centered.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 6, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today finds it necessary for you to use special care in understanding all the practical aspects of whatever comes to your attention. Be reasonable and intelligent.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Go over every aspect of your practical affairs. Be with creative individuals who can be of assistance.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can gain what you desire in various ways. Consider them well but don't take any action yet.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You may find it hard to gain your intimate aims at this time, so map out a plan for future use.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Steer clear of the individuals who waste your time or cause you to spend too much money.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Put aside civic duties for a while since you have other important duties to perform. Show your ethical side today.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study those new ideas well before you put them in operation. Be most careful while walking or driving.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Plan how to handle promises you have made in a most quiet and sure manner, otherwise trouble could ensue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Outside associates could try to trap you into following a course you do not like, so be careful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If you plan your time carefully you can get much accomplished, especially at the office.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be sure you count the cost of some amusement before you partake in the festivities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have to be more cooperative at home if you are to avoid friction there. Be with persons you trust tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Be careful when communicating with others or there can be much trouble. Try not to lose your temper.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be very magnetic but will also have prejudiced ideas that should be discouraged, otherwise little accord can be gained with others. Be sure to give as fine an education as you can afford and add psychology courses so that your progeny will understand others.

Jordan's imports decline sharply in November

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's imports of foreign products dropped in November 1986 by 15 per cent compared with the same month in 1985.

According to a statistical bulletin issued by the Department of Statistics, Jordan imported foreign products worth JD 60.2 million during November 1986 whereas imports in the same month of the previous year amounted to JD 70.8 million.

The bulletin said that the Kingdom's total imports of foreign goods between January and the end of November 1986 amounted to JD 764 million compared to JD 925 million during the same period of the previous year. The decrease represents a drop of 17.4 per cent.

The department's bulletin said the drop in imports of foreign-made products was bound to have a positive impact on Jordan's 1986 balance of trade and, eventually, on the Kingdom's balance of payments.

According to the bulletin, Jordan's national exports during November 1986 amounted to JD 15.9 million, up from JD 15.1 million posted during the same month of 1985.

Meanwhile, the most recent monthly statistical bulletin issued by the Central Bank of Jordan for the month of November 1986, stated that imports of foreign goods amounted to JD 75.6 million during the month of September 1986. During September 1985 imports amounted to JD 100 million.

Imports of food and live animals amounted to JD 20.3 million during September while beverages and tobacco accounted for JD 416,000 of the import bill.

Other imports were JD 1.9 million worth of inedible crude materials (except fuels), JD 10.3 million of mineral fuels, lubricants and related minerals, JD 1.2 million of animal and vegetable oil and fats, JD 4.9 million of chemicals and JD 10.7 million of rubber products, iron and steel, paper and cardboard and textile yarn, fabrics and other made up articles and related products.

The highest import figure was for electrical and non-electrical machinery and transport equipments and spare parts — all amounting to JD 17 million.

IMF to close S. Korea office

SEOUL (AP) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has decided to close its representative office in Seoul after 20 years of operation, according to an announcement from the office Wednesday. The announcement said the IMF, which is based in Washington, decided on the closing to save funds. It also said the office's advisory service is no longer required in view of South Korea's effective management of its economy and sizeable current account surplus in 1986. The representative office has counseled South Korea on the country's foreign exchange and other economic policies in close coordination with IMF policies.

U.S. urges West to build oil stocks

DAVOS, Switzerland (R) — U.S. Energy Secretary John Herrington urged the West Wednesday to build strategic oil stocks and take other measures to protect future supplies.

As low oil prices in the current glut encouraged a rebound in consumption, he said, there were prospects that industrial nations would again depend too heavily on supplies from the Gulf under the control of the OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries).

"Today's oil market has clearly shown that programmes to protect our economies in times of disruptions need to be continued in earnest," he told bankers, businessmen and government officials attending an economic symposium here.

"We simply must have significant strategic stocks," he said. "We should continue to encourage alternative transportation routes out of the Gulf so that the Strait of Hormuz does not become an all-or-nothing proposition for moving the world's oil supplies," he added.

He said it was vital to encourage oil exploration outside the Gulf to avoid over-reliance on oil from OPEC.

Forecasts showed that, by the 1990s, the Gulf could supply half of world oil. "That is virtually the same situation we faced in 1979 — a time when market manipulations tripled the price of oil and helped throw the world economy into recession."

"The same forces that tried to push the world's energy-consuming nations into an era of limits

and economic dependence are at work again today," he said.

The American Petroleum Institute (API) President Charles Dibona also urged the U.S. government to take measures to guard against another oil price shock.

Mr. Dibona said that the fall in oil prices last year, from around \$30 a barrel to less than \$20 now, might mean higher oil demand and increased dependence on imports.

"And, of course, these factors can impose military and foreign policy burdens. The question is, will (importers) understand the danger and act soon enough?"

Mr. Dibona said 1986 saw a reversal of an eight-year decline in U.S. reliance on imports.

The current president of OPEC, Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman, who is also at the Davos symposium, said that present disruptions caused by the Iran-Iraq war meant that OPEC was actually pumping less oil than the 15.8 million barrels daily stipulated in its latest agreement.

Most OPEC members were honouring their assigned quotas under the agreement, designed to curb output and thus underpin a price at \$18 a barrel in the present glut, he said.

Mr. Lukman said OPEC did not want to drive prices too high, which would make it hard for oil to compete with other energy

sources. "Prices should be competitive so that oil does not get driven out of the market," he said.

Mr. Lukman also said OPEC income was being shaved at present because of the weakness of the dollar, in which oil prices are set, but no measures had been discussed yet to offset this.

He told a news conference: "Obviously if the dollar falls we get less income. But we don't want to change the price on a daily basis." A basket of currencies might be a solution.

Mr. Lukman said OPEC wanted to maintain the current price around \$18 for the rest of the year.

Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto called for a dialogue between oil producing and consuming states to ensure future supplies at prices that suited both sellers and buyers.

That would protect the global economy from disruptive price changes and political upheaval and would ease a transition away from oil as main energy source some time in the next century.

S. Arabia keeps commitment

U.S. and Saudi Arabian officials said in Riyadh Wednesday that Saudi Arabia is sticking to its OPEC quota and is making a determined effort to foster stability in the oil market.

They pointed to efforts by Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, to get away from short-term contracts as evidence of its intention to restore price stability.

Dollar firms

LONDON (R) — The dollar rose sharply on European foreign exchange Wednesday on improved U.S. economic indicators and gold dipped slightly on the U.S. currency's strength.

The dollar touched 1.8155 West German marks after closing Tuesday night at around 1.7975 while gold was fixed in London at \$401.75 an ounce after a previous fix of \$404.

Foreign exchange dealers said the dollar had been boosted by Tuesday's announcement of a 21 per cent rise in U.S. leading indicators in December — the biggest rise for four years, and better factory goods orders.

Other factors supporting the dollar were last week's news of a lower than expected U.S. trade deficit in December and fears that central banks might buy dollars to stave off strains in the European Monetary System, they said.

However dealers remained cautious about the higher levels and said the market was not fully convinced that the dollar was set for an upturn. It has fallen from 2.02 marks in mid-December.

Friday's American unemployment figures might give further signs about the direction of the U.S. economy, dealers said.

They also noted uncertainty in the market about whether Washington would take steps to stabilise the dollar or whether it would try to push it even lower in another bid to cut its huge trade deficit.

Insurance for ships sailing to Kuwait shoots up by 50%

LONDON (R) — Leading marine insurers Lloyds have increased the cost of insuring ships sailing to Kuwait by 50 per cent, bringing them in line with ship trading with Gulf war opponents Iran and Iraq, shipping brokers said.

The increase, agreed Tuesday, means that ship owners must now pay 0.375 per cent of the empty ship's value as a war premium, in addition to the standard insurance premium, for each 14-day visit to Kuwait, the brokers said.

The increase follows a sharp rise over the last few months in the number of attacks on ships serving Kuwait, which brokers believe were instigated by Iran, apparently because of Kuwait's support for Iraq in the conflict.

Meanwhile, a world shipping conference opening Thursday will strongly urge governments and maritime industries to combat recession by reducing the surplus shipping fleet, delegates said Wednesday.

The two-day meeting also will ask the United Nations to project commercial vessels sailing through the Gulf where several have been attacked in the continuing war between Iran and Iraq, they told Reuters.

Ms. Marie Pismenos, director of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), said the organisation "is deeply concerned over the fact that freedom of the sea is

being denied to merchant ships using the Gulf waters."

The Paris-based ICC has sponsored the five-yearly conference in association with Lloyds.

The conference will be attended, by nearly 200 executives of government and private shipping companies, shippers, bankers, insurers and underwriters from 35 countries.

The conference would seek an accord to cut a huge surplus fleet capacity estimated at more than 40 million dead weight tonnage, Bruce Farthing, a British delegate said.

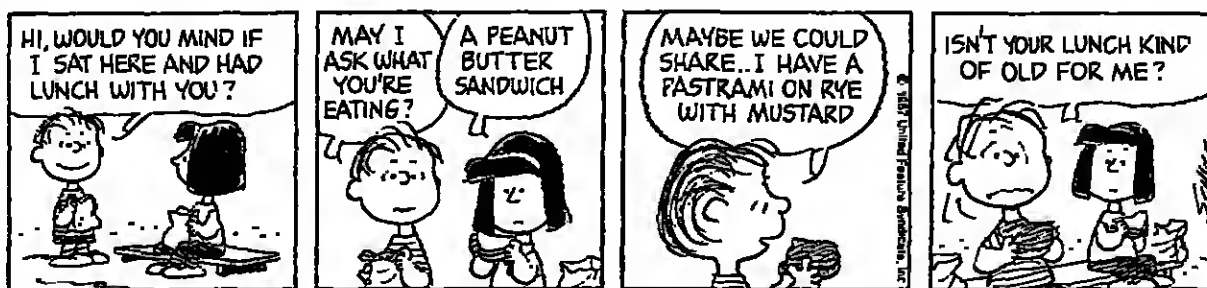
Shipyards in many countries were turning out too many ships because of cheap loans and other financial assistance provided by governments and banks, he added.

Heavy losses from a sharp fall in cargo support had forced shipping companies in Western Europe and elsewhere to close down their business in the past 10 years, the British delegate noted.

Britain's merchant fleet had slumped to 16 million tonnes gross registered tonnage (GRT) in 1986 from 50 million tonnes GRT 10 years ago, he said.

"The conference will ask governments and banks to cut down their support for building new ships and instead buy surplus second-hand ships," he said.

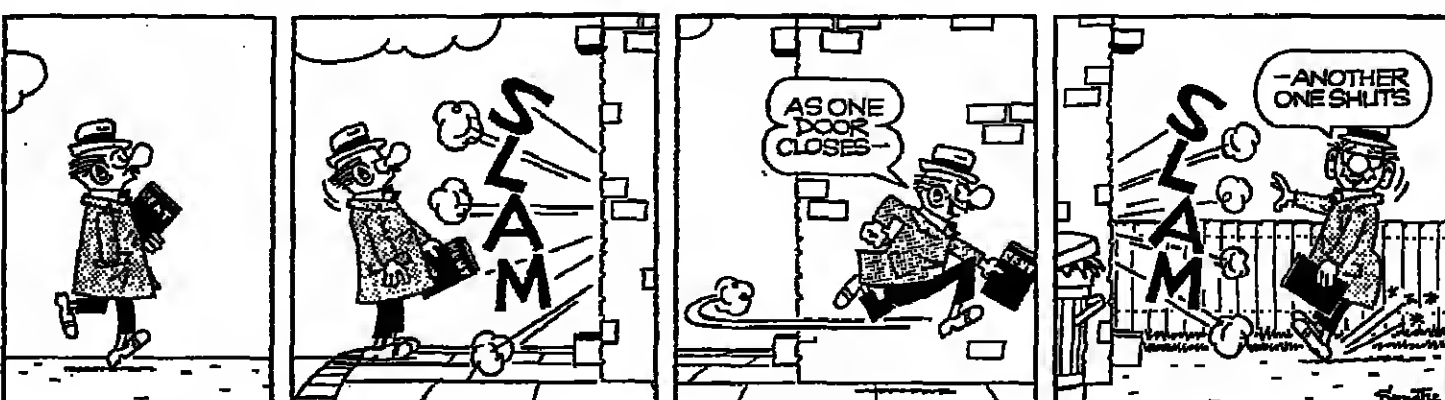
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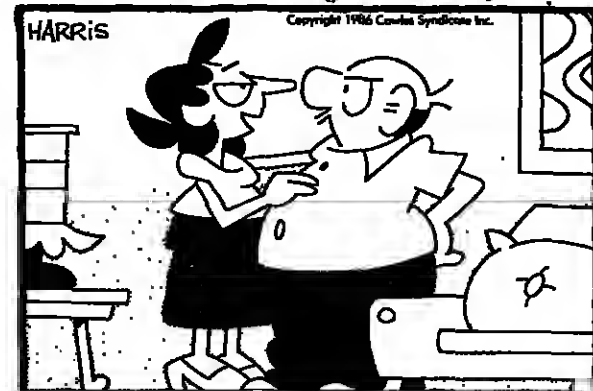
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THE BETTER HALF



JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KLANB

DUTIA

BEMFUL

SMOTED

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: A

Yesterday's Jumbles: NOOSE COWER WOBBLE CASKET

Answer: What a name dropper is apt to do—BLOW HIS "KNOWS"

Aquino to demand that troops swear allegiance or resign

MANILA (R) — President Corazon Aquino will demand that the Philippines' soldiers swear allegiance under the country's new constitution or resign, her spokesman said Wednesday.

Presidential Press Secretary Teddy Benigno told reporters Mrs. Aquino would insist the 260,000-strong military accept the charter. Any who refused would have to quit, he declared.

Mr. Benigno gave no timetable for what he agreed was a "get in line or get out" ultimatum to the restive military, but said it would be a priority.

Respected unofficial tallies have shown four to one support for the new constitution, boosting Mrs. Aquino with a huge vote of confidence.

Mr. Benigno said the army and navy voted narrowly for the constitution, while the air force voted against it. He gave no figures.

"As a soldier you are compelled to obey the constitution. That is your obligation..." he said.

Mr. Benigno quoted Defence Minister Rafael Iloilo as telling Wednesday's cabinet meeting that he expected few problems over the demand.

Mr. Benigno said Gen. Iloilo told cabinet that the clear lack of enthusiasm in the military for the new constitution "is really not that serious, all that is needed is a little time to redirect them."

He dismissed suggestions that forcing an oath of allegiance was an invitation to a coup.

Disaffected elements in the army and air force have been

involved in all three abortive attempts to overthrow Mrs. Aquino since the military united 12 months ago to topple former strongman Ferdinand Marcos. The February 1986 revolt, strongly backed by the civilian population, brought Mrs. Aquino to power.

Mr. Benigno said Gen. Iloilo had asked for "understanding" from his cabinet colleagues on the mood in the military.

Many soldiers, he said, were resentful of peace talks with Communist rebels and did not understand the sophisticated reasoning behind them.

Others voted against the new charter because of personal and tribal loyalties.

Mr. Benigno said Mrs. Aquino still intended to "crackdown hard" with the full force of the law on those involved in the latest coup attempt eight days ago.

Many had also been involved in an earlier unsuccessful revolt when Mrs. Aquino had been "kind, compassionate and conciliatory."

Mr. Benigno said Mrs. Aquino now realised that "they were just playing games with her."

The evident unhappiness of the military over the new charter has cast the only shadow on the result which has been hailed here as a massive mandate for Mrs. Aquino and a demand by ordin-

ary people for political stability.

The president's opponents, however, have said she cannot expect military unrest to simply vanish.

Armed Forces Chief Fidel Ramos said the vote was the most peaceful ever held in the country and congratulated his commanders for safeguarding the ballots and the voting public despite rebel harassment.

The military said five Communist guerrillas were killed and three soldiers wounded when the rebels attacked polling stations in the southern Philippines during Monday's vote.

"The success of the national undertaking which will hopefully pave the way towards political normalisation and economic recovery of our country is due precisely to your leadership, vigilance and dedication to duty," Gen. Ramos told his field commanders in a message.

The Philippines' chief negotiator called on Communist guerrillas Wednesday to respect the wishes of the people and resume peace talks.

Teoh-o Guingona said President Aquino's landslide victory for a new constitution showed Filipinos wanted "peace, not violence... reforms, not revolution" and added that if the Communists truly sided with the people they should heed their voice.

Communist guerrillas quit peace talks with the government last month in protest against shooting of 15 peasant demon-

strators outside the presidential palace by troops.

A 60-day ceasefire to facilitate the talks — which never really got off the ground — expires at noon on Sunday.

Marcos enters hospital

Former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos has entered hospital for a medical examination to confirm his claim that he is too ill to appear before a grand jury, lawyers said.

Marcos and his wife, Imelda, have been subpoenaed to appear before the jury in Alexandria, Virginia, investigating alleged illegal payments on arms sales to the Philippines. Marcos said he was too ill to travel during winter weather.

U.S. Justice Department spokesman Patrick Korten said Marcos was visiting Tripler Army Medical Center in relation to a legal matter. "The matter is confidential and we have promised to treat it that way," he said.

The ex-president, who went into exile in Hawaii a year ago after President Aquino came to power, appeared on a videotape recently working out with light weights, jogging and shadow-boxing.

Security guards at Tripler are checking the identification of everyone entering the centre while Marcos is there. He was admitted Tuesday.

The lawyers said the Philippine government was told of Marcos' visit to Tripler.

Pretoria rules out black parliament

CAPE TOWN (R) — The South African government has again ruled out bringing blacks into parliament or an early end to the national state of emergency.

President P.W. Botha told the white House of Assembly Tuesday night that the idea of a fourth chamber of parliament for representatives of the black majority was absurd.

Parliament is at present dominated by the white chamber with junior houses for coloured (mixed-race) voters and Indians. Blacks, who make up 73 per cent of the population, have no vote.

Referring to black tribal and language differences, Botha said: "If we want to create such a (black) chamber, then we have to accommodate six or seven nations in it and that is absurd."

Botha, who has called a whites-only general election for May 6,

made his brief statement to repudiate suggestions from extreme right-wingers that the ruling National Party (NP) was steering South Africa towards a proportional representation voting system.

Despite a rebellion by NP moderates who want a swift end to apartheid racial segregation, Mr. Botha indicated the government was at present prepared to offer blacks no more than a place in consultative bodies.

Deputy Information Minister Stoffel Van Der Merwe told state radio Wednesday that the state of emergency, imposed last June, would remain at least for the initial stages of the election campaign.

"We want to lift it... but it cannot be in a week or a month," Mr. Van Der Merwe said.

China warns journalists to keep out of MacDonald case

PEKING (R) — China Wednesday warned foreign journalists not to get involved in the case of the expulsion of American reporter Lawrence MacDonald, saying it had nothing to do with them.

The Foreign Ministry refused to receive a delegation from the Foreign Correspondents' Club which wanted to present a letter from 43 journalists expressing "deep concern" over MacDonald's expulsion last Friday.

Several journalists told Reuters the ministry's dismissal of their request underscored anxieties about the case of MacDonald, who works for the French news agency AFP, and the lack of clarity about the status of foreign reporters here.

MacDonald was put on a plane to Hong Kong last Friday after being required to sign an expulsion order accusing him of having done things incompatible with a journalist's status.

This is a stock phrase used by governments in spying cases. Both MacDonald and his employers denied the charges against him, and MacDonald said the real reason for his expulsion was a desire by Chinese conservatives to intimidate students and foreign journalists.

At a meeting of the Peking Foreign Correspondents' Club on Monday, members voted to send a letter to the Foreign Ministry Information Department.

Student arrested

A government official Wednesday confirmed a claim by a Chinese woman studying abroad that her husband was arrested in Shanghai after recent pro-democracy student demonstrations.

"As we understand it, Yang Wei was arrested by our Public Security Bureau because he broke our country's law," said Wang Mingyang, a foreign affairs official of the Shanghai City Government.

Yang's wife, Che Shaoli, said last week that her husband was arrested on Jan. 11 at his parents' home in Shanghai and 10 days later was charged with unspecified counter-revolutionary activities.

Yang, 31, received a master's degree in molecular biology from the University of Arizona in the United States. Che, 30, is a student at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

Najib: Peace drive will take time

ISLAMABAD (R) — Afghan leader Najib says it would take time for his government's reconciliation drive to be accepted by its guerrilla opponents.

"Let us not make haste. We have passed through a period of eight years and know very well that we just cannot change the opinion of the opponents during six days," the official Afghan News Agency Bakhtar quoted him Wednesday as saying.

The agency was publishing the transcript of Najib's interview with a Pakistani journalist.

Bakhtar said the correspondent of the news magazine Herald, which has not yet published the interview, asked Mr. Najib whether he considered the response of the Western-backed rebels to his initiative was encouraging.

"We are expecting a response to our proposals in deeds, not words. At the present moment, sentiments are dominant," Bakhtar, monitored in Islamabad, quoted him as saying.

The former secret police chief said the rebels had been making irresponsible statements. "We believe the other side has not uttered its basic word, that is the word of peace."

Mr. Najib launched his peace initiative last month, calling on the Afghan rebels to end their eight-year struggle against the Communist authorities and offering an opposition role in a coalition government.

The Western-backed rebels based in Pakistan rejected the initiative outright, demanding first the withdrawal of the Soviet forces, estimated by the West to

number some 115,000.

They also increased attacks on Afghan government and Soviet forces, rejecting a unilateral ceasefire declared by Mr. Najib from Jan. 15. A Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Moscow Tuesday the rebels had made 378 attacks since the ceasefire.

Asked about prospects for the next round of Geneva peace talks, Mr. Najib described them as "a positive chance." He said the Afghan side had prepared fully for the negotiations and had detailed talks with U.N. mediator Diego Cordovez.

The next round of indirect talks between the Soviet-backed government and Pakistan, starting on Feb. 25, has taken on greater significance with the peace drive by Kabul and a burst of diplomatic activity.

Shevardnadze in Prague

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze arrived Wednesday for an official visit amid unexpectedly strong praise in the state news media for Soviet reforms.

The visit follows signs of disaffection between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and the Czech leadership, which is lagging behind Moscow in liberalising some aspects of society and the economy.

Mr. Gorbachev is rumoured to be uncomfortable with the style of Czech President and Party Leader Gustav Husak and is said to have refused an invitation to personally attend last year's Communist Party congress.

Astronaut questions test of redesigned rocket booster

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — An astronaut monitoring the redesign of space shuttle rocket engines has questioned whether planned tests of new boosters will be rigorous enough.

Robert L. Gibson, who piloted one shuttle mission and commanded another, said a key test of a portion of the solid rocket booster engine did not include all the stresses the rocket could experience during a launch.

"It doesn't simulate the flight environment very well," Gibson told the Houston Post in a story published Tuesday.

He said the concern was discussed with engineers on the rocket redesign team.

A solid rocket joint that leaked flame is blamed for the Challenger accident that killed seven crew members. The spacecraft exploded on Jan. 28, 1986, just 73 seconds after it was launched

from Florida's Kennedy Space Centre.

The rocket joints are being redesigned and tested before the shuttle flies again.

Gibson said his concern was about a test to be conducted later this year at the Marshall Space Flight Centre in Alabama.

The test involves burning a small amount of solid propellant loaded into a portion of a booster. The firing is to be in a vertical position and would last just long enough to test the rocket joint seal.

Gibson said the test would not mimic the stresses encountered by weight-bearing struts or braces attached to the rockets.

Changing the test would delay the resumption of shuttle flights, Gibson said. The first flight with the new rocket booster is set for Feb. 18, 1988.

36 hurt as students clash with Spanish police again

MADRID (R) — Thirty-six people were hurt in clashes between Spanish students and police outside parliament on the eve of talks between Education Minister Jose Maria Maravall and student representatives.

The protest Tuesday, the latest in a series that began two months ago, was called to press student demands for greater social benefits and education reforms.

Seventeen people were arrested as hundreds of youths tried to break through a police cordon around parliament where Interior Minister Jose Barro-nuevo was reporting on earlier student violence.

Witnesses said the youths attacked police with stones and bottles and security forces responded with batons, smoke bombs, water cannon and mounted police charges. A government spokesman said 30 policemen and six students were injured.

Police said some of the attackers were not students.

The latest flare-up in high school unrest occurred as Mr. Barro-nuevo replied to criticism of police action in a rampage last month during which a 15-year-old girl was shot and wounded.

Mr. Barro-nuevo said five policemen who fired in the air in self-defence were suspended from duty.

The main student unions, whose representatives were due to meet Mr. Maravall for further talks Wednesday, rejected reforms proposed by the minister and announced further protests next week.

Mr. Maravall told parliament the students' demands would cost the state \$7.6 billion and went against common sense and the interests of other social groups.

Mr. Maravall said it was unrealistic to demand free access to university for all school leavers and a \$330 minimum wage for all poor students aged over 16.

He said some of the demands could be met gradually and he offered a \$155-million package to build more schools, boost scholarships and improve the quality of education.

Mr. Maravall said the students' movement was complex and unpredictable, mixing academic unrest with urban violence and underground action by political groups.

Among its main causes was a big rise in the number of children attending schools and fear of unemployment which affected more than a third of those aged 16 to 19, he said.

He added that young people wanted to cash in on Spain's budding economic recovery and were demanding that the education system ensure them jobs.

Smog alarm leads to ban on driving in Hamburg

HAMBURG, West Germany (AP) — Officials ordered factories to curb production and temporarily banned the driving of most private cars after a pall of smog settled over parts of northern West Germany.

The smog alarms were declared Tuesday in the port cities of Hamburg and Bremen as well as the Braunschweig-Wolfenbuettel Metropolitan area in lower Saxony state.

The alarms, the first in West Germany in two years, were downgraded to "alerts" Tuesday night when winds picked up. But environment officials said a severe pollution threat would remain at least until Thursday.

In Hamburg, Environment Ministry spokeswoman Ulrike Hartnagel said most of the smog had drifted in from south easterly winds from Communist East Germany, whose border is 30 kilometres to the east.

West Germany periodically complains of severe industrial emissions coming from East Germany, where brown coal is used heavily for heating and manufacturing.

Hamburg banned driving by most private cars early Tuesday morning after sulphur-dioxide levels crept above the permissible limit of 1.4 milligrammes per cubic meter of air.

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Preacher to distribute condoms

WILLIAMSVILLE, New York (AP) — A minister says he plans to distribute condoms at services Sunday to help make people more aware of AIDS. "In view of the fact that experts have warned us that in the next few years the AIDS epidemic could make the black plague and the bubonic plague pale by comparison, churches should take the lead in educating the public on this life-or-death issue," said the Rev. Carl F. Titchener of the 300-member Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst in this Buffalo suburb. Parents will decide if their children should remain at the service while the condoms are distributed, he said. The board of trustees and the Lay Worship Committee support Titchener's decision to hand out condoms, he said. In Unitarian Churches, each congregation has control of its own affairs.

U.S. considering expanded AIDS tests

ATLANTA (R) — Federal health officials say they may recommend compulsory AIDS tests for anyone admitted to hospital, applying for a marriage licence or undergoing prenatal care. The controversial proposal, being considered by officials at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, would greatly expand the scope of AIDS testing in the United States. It is now compulsory only for blood donors. Walter Dowdle, AIDS director at the centre, said the centre would decide after a two-day public hearing later this month whether to formally recommend expanded testing for AIDS, acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Bogus faith healer arrested

BAHRAIN (R) — Bahraini police have arrested a bogus faith healer who made about 31,000 Bahraini dinars (\$82,000) from magic prayers and soft drink prescriptions, local newspapers reported. Akhtar Al Khaleej and the English-language Gulf Daily News named the man as Said Sheikh Isa Sheikh Ali and said his clients were mostly women from Bahrain and other Gulf states.

Linear car breaks speed record

TOKYO (AP) — The Japanese National Railway (JNR) said Wednesday its experimental named "linear car," floating a few inches above the track on a magnetic cushion, sped up to 400 kilometres an hour, breaking the world speed record held by West Germany. JNR spokesman Shuji Kurimoto said the "MLU 001" achieved the speed record during a test run on an eight-kilometre track at the JNR experiment centre in Miyazaki prefecture (state) in southern Japan. A West German manned linear car set the previous record of 355 kilometres an hour in December 1985, Kyodo News Service said.

Addicts kill drug investigator

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet drug addict was killed in a shoot-out with police after he and five other addicts murdered a drugs investigator with hammers and an axe, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said. The group attacked Mikhail Tkachev, who had solved more than 100 drugs-related crimes, after he visited the home of one of the addicts one evening last summer in Orenburg, a town about 1200 kilometres south east of Moscow, it said. They tried to cover their tracks by burying Tkachev's body in a river bank and throwing the hammer and axe in the water, but police were soon on their trail and arrested five of the group, killing the sixth in a shoot-out, the daily said.

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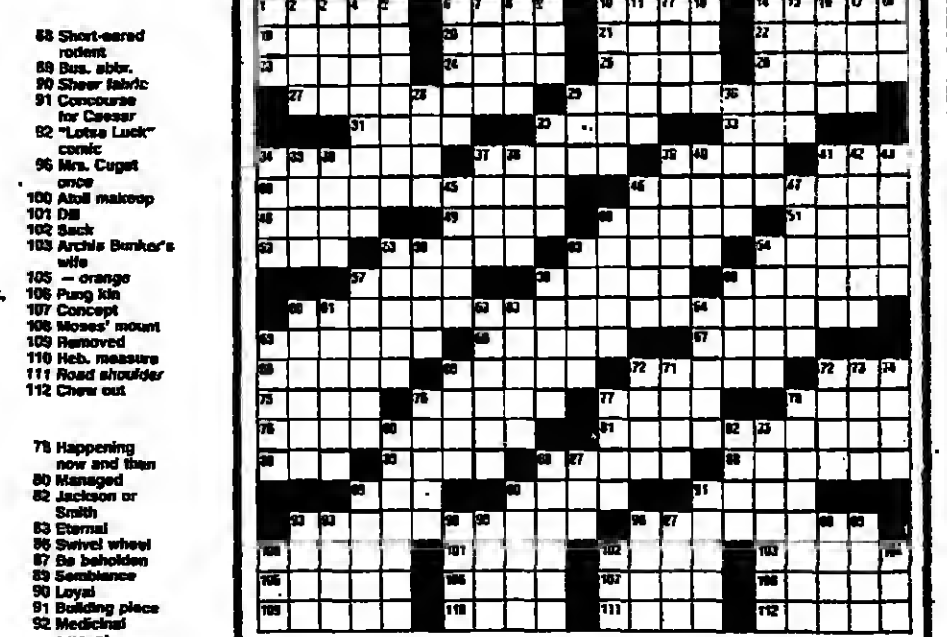
SHOWTIME
By Nancy McCarthy

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Diagramless
19 X 19, by Frances Burton

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Last Week's Cryptograms

- Response to recent popular survey named "Friends and Family" the most cherished value.
- "Comparisons are odious," but when it comes to cheese samples, they can be pretty odorous as well.
- Congressman's mood was rude after he ate crude food that was so good.
- Tiny bug, snug in a rug, removed by trusty old vacuum cleaner.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. ECTGLUPTEARY FEED STORY HLOTAW EG
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WILAYGLSPRIU GLAFX FCEPD. —By Lois H. Jones

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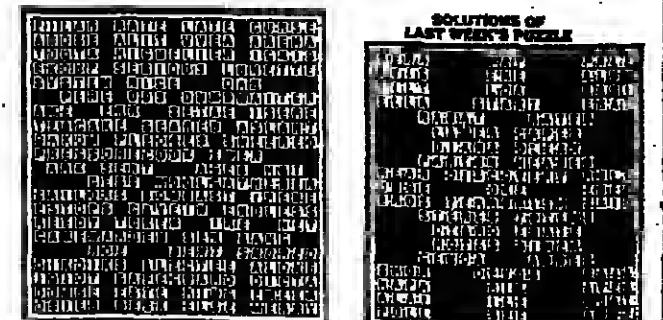
—By Connie Rosefeld

3. FTATIL LALJ OKP FTBOTA BEYI SLB
CTFTYT DEIKSP XT XTBS TS OLY CTSA.

—By Earl Ireland

4. ABC DBE FGE OHJ ACL HML BOA ABC
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KHM GRZ.

—By Philip P. Brannan



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TAKE THE TRICKS YOU'RE DUE

North-South vulnerable. • South deals.

NORTH
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♦ A Q J 7 3
♣ A 3
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♥ K 10 8 2
♦ J 7 4
♣ 10 9 8 5 3 2
SOUTH
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♥ A 4
♦ A 6
♣ K 10 4

The bidding:
South West North East
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3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
4 ♥ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
4 NT Pass 5 ♠ Pass
6 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♣

Don't treat what we write in this column as holy writ. The advice given fits most situations, but each hand must be considered on its own merits.

We have often suggested that aces were made to capture kings and should not be wasted on low cards. That should be tempered by the thought that, when you see the tricks to defeat a contract, you go

ahead and take them before they vanish into thin air. This example is illuminating.

North-South bid well to a small slam. Since North had made a two-over-one response, South's jump rebid of his own suit was unconditionally forcing. North felt he was too strong for four spades, so he showed his diamond feature. When he then supported spades over